## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS OF DANCE

October 9, 2014

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Dear Professor Goodrich:

Thank you for submitting your application for review by the NASD Commission on Accreditation. The Commission, at its September 2014 meetings, took action on the institution's application.

Please find enclosed a Commission Action Report describing this action in detail. This Report contains information of note and, if applicable, any requests for further information from the Commission. Please note the Association's policy regarding *Disclosure and Confidentiality*, a copy of which has been enclosed. As requested by the institution, a copy of this Report is being forwarded to the individual listed below.

This action is taken based upon a review of California State University, Fullerton according to the NASD accreditation standards in effect in September of 2014.

As an accredited institutional member of NASD, the institution is reminded of its responsibility to participate in reviews and revisions to the NASD *Handbook*, and to maintain its operations and programs current with NASD standards as these are developed and approved.

The Commission on Accreditation and the Association appreciate the institution's efforts with regard to its application, and its careful consideration of and attention to NASD accreditation standards and guidelines. Further, the Commission and Association appreciate the work accomplished by the institution on behalf of dance and higher education.

Please contact the NASD National Office staff if you have questions, or need assistance with regard to this action or any other aspect of the work of the Association.

We offer congratulations on your achievements and best wishes for the continuing success of the institution.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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Karen P. Moynahan Executive Director

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cc: Mildred García, President

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## COMMISSION ACTION REPORT

This document provides the official action of the Commission as indicated in the cover letter of the same date.

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#### Actions:

1. The Commission voted to approve the application and continue the institution in good standing with the degree listing indicated below.

The Commission requests a progress report addressing the issues cited below.

2. The Commission voted to accept the progress report.

## **NASD Degree Listing:**

Bachelor of Arts - 4 years: Dance.

#### Next Full Review:

2023-2024 Academic Year

## Items for Progress Report:

- 1. The Commission commends the institution for adding another section of dance technique for freshman in order to alleviate the over-crowding. However, it appears that the program remains at full capacity (see NASD *Handbook 2013-14*, II.F.1.e. and g.(1)) and that some classes appear to be over-enrolled. The Commission requests information on how the institution will continue to ensure the safety of students by alleviating overcrowding in all dance courses. The Commission also requests an update on the institution's efforts to secure additional space (see NASD *Handbook 2013-14*, II.F.1.e. and g.(1)).
- The Commission requests that the institution review current procedures with regard to the dance unit's
  representation on deliberative bodies, and provide confirmation of the continued adequacy of this
  representation. Further, the institution is asked to confirm whether the dance executive's ongoing
  responsibilities are clearly delineated and that executive authority is commensurate with responsibility,

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particularly with regard to budgeting and budget allocations (see NASD *Handbook 2013-14*, II.D.1.b.(2-4)).

- 3. Although technical proficiency requirements are clearly understood and demonstrated in practice, it appears that technical proficiency statements need to be developed for all dance technique classes, detailing the competencies that must be attained by students at each technique level (see NASD Handbook 2013-14, VII.D.4.). The Commission requests a progress report outlining technical proficiency requirements for each level of each dance genre.
- 4. The Commission requests further information outlining the impact recent changes in upper level administrative positions at the institution have had on the dance program, specifically with regard to anticipated faculty hires (see NASD *Handbook 2013-14*, II.B.1.a); the need for additional space (see NASD *Handbook 2013-14*, II.F.1.e. and g.(1)); and the acquisition of additional musicians for dance classes (see NASD *Handbook 2013-14*, II.E.9.b.(1)).
- 5. The Commission requests a report on the "Impaction" procedure, and confirmation of the dance unit's success in finding a solution to this issue, which has had an impact on the recruitment of highly talented students (see NASD *Handbook 2013-14*, II.H.1.b.).
- 6. The Commission requests documentation confirming that revisions to institutional publications that depict accurate information regarding the dance program are now published (see NASD *Handbook 2013-14*, Il.I.1.a.).
- 7. The dance unit is asked to provide further information outlining plans and efforts to secure technical support for the touring and non-main stage performances (see NASD *Handbook 2013-14*, II.E.9.b.(2)).
- 8. The Commission suggests that the institution review the appropriateness of its mission statement, particularly with regard to the claim that the liberal arts degree provides "extensive performance experience" (see Optional Response) given the required performance coursework. The institution is asked to provide the outcome of this review.

## **Due Date for Progress Report:**

August 15 for consideration at the Commission meetings of September 2015.

The Procedures for Submitting Responses and Progress Reports may be downloaded from the NASD Web site at http://nasd.arts-accredit.org (see "Accreditation Procedures," and beneath that, "Other Procedures").

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#### Commendations:

The Commission commends the institution for its commitment to the dance program and to the accreditation process. The institution is also commended for the level of excellence and dedication demonstrated by the dance unit.

Karen P. Moynahan
Executive Director

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#### ARTICLE XIII

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