

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

Cedarville University Bachelor of Arts, Industrial and Innovative Design

RECOMMENDATION

Cedarville University meets the Chancellor's standards for baccalaureate programs and the review team recommends authorization for the Bachelor of Arts, Industrial and Innovative Design program. Authorization will continue through December 31, 2018 to coincide with the university's next institutional reauthorization review with the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents. Authorization is contingent upon the submission of annual progress reports by December 31, 2010, 2011, and 2012, which address any concerns that remain. Authorization will be withdrawn if, in the Chancellor's judgment, such reports do not demonstrate satisfactory progress toward compliance with the Chancellor's standards.

Profile: Cedarville University, located in Cedarville, Ohio, is an independent institution affiliated with the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Originally established in 1887, the university today serves nearly 3,000 students and equips them "for lifelong leadership and service through an education marked by excellence and grounded in biblical truth."

Accreditation/Authorization: Cedarville University is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and possesses specialized accreditation for several of its professional programs. The Chancellor has authorized the institution since November 1969.

Program Information: The university is requesting authorization to deliver an Industrial and Innovative Design major within its existing Bachelor of Arts degree. Students will be exposed to various areas in creative design and select one of the following areas of emphasis: transportation design, interior space design, consumer product design, or exterior architectural design. Additionally, students will spend the final two years of the program at the International Center for Creativity in Columbus, Ohio, gaining professional experience working with clients and corporate partners while developing freehand and software skills.

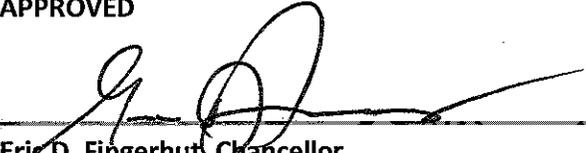
Review Results: The review team noted several strengths in the review, including: the program mission is aligned with the institutional mission; learning objectives and outcomes, which are evident and embedded throughout the program; the inclusion of a capstone experience in the program; policies and procedures in place to assess the program; and resources in place to support the program.

The team also noted some areas of non-compliance with the Chancellor's standards and recommended that the institution: provide an updated faculty matrix to demonstrate that the credentials of full- and part-time faculty members teaching in the proposed program meet the Chancellor's faculty standards; submit fully-developed syllabi prior to the courses being offered; further define the capstone experience; and clarify whether an internship is required to graduate from the program.

The institution responded appropriately to the recommendations of the consultant's report by demonstrating how the recommendations were accepted and integrated into the proposed program, or, in the case of recommendations that could only be complied with over time, by presenting a clear plan for the implementation of the recommendations and a timeline for such.

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End of Comment Period: September 22, 2010
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

APPROVED	
	<i>9/27/10</i>
Erje D. Fingerhut, Chancellor	Date

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