

3.0 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF EXTERNAL VALIDATION PANEL

3.1 Main Findings

The External Validation Panel of Assessors recommends approval of the proposed programme:

Master of Fine Art in Fine Art

subject to the Conditions specified in Section 3.2 and Recommendation(s) as specified in Section 3.3.

3.2 Conditions

No conditions

3.2 Recommendations

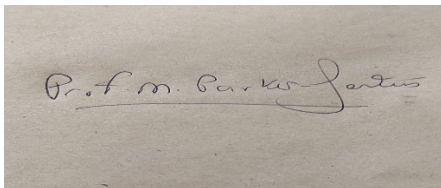
- 1) Rewrite the programme learning outcomes (PLO's) to consolidate a defined set of PLO's that map to the Master of Fine Art (MFA) award standard and are differentiated from the module learning outcomes.
- 2) Elaborate on how best to communicate and articulate the differences between the MA and the MFA beyond the additional 30 ECTS credit accumulation.
- 3) Consider the recruitment strategy for recruiting international students to ensure adequate resources are in place to manage and achieve the 30% international intake.
- 4) Consider additional supports, resources and studio spaces should the numbers increase on the part time offering or on the overlapping semesters of the programme.
- 5) Provide clear guidance on the definitions and minimum criteria required for the residency.
- 6) Explain clearly the process for applying for residency and the associate learning processes (e.g. journal entries) and learning outcomes.
- 7) Identify approaches for managing residency opportunities to ensure the sustainability of this component on the programme.
- 8) Ensure adequate support and documentation in relation to the student residency is provided to all students, including information regarding EDI and Access supports.
- 9) Consider how to further decolonise the curriculum providing multiple perspectives within the literature and ensure it permeates across the programmes.
- 10) Review the references and ensure they are recent and relevant.
- 11) Double check and provide a final edit to the documentation to ensure consistency throughout, e.g.

- a. Revisit the wording of the student data on page 21. Check the accuracy of point 11 on page 21 and related text in the previous paragraph.
- b. On page 64 clarify the research project, is it *statement of practice* OR *written thesis* clarify, if it is And/OR or OR.

3.3 Commendations and Observations

The Panel commended:

- 1) The positioning of this provision within the strategic corridor across the Midlands as commendable and significant.
- 2) The Programme Team on the ambitious nature of the programme and the demonstration of good practice, in particular in relation to local and national partnerships.
- 3) The Team for the positive engagement, enthusiasm, dedication, and team spirit exhibited during the validation meeting.
- 4) The detailed discussions and clarifications provided by the team.
- 5) The comprehensive nature of the documentation provided.
- 6) The development of the new TUS Award Standard for the MFA

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Signature of Chairperson

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