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To: University Senate

From: John Buford, Chair
Council on Academic Affairs

Date: January 13, 2017

A PROPOSAL FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH A CONTEMPORARY ART AND CURATORIAL PRACTICE PRORGAM LEADING TO THE MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE, DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY OF ART, COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

- WHEREAS nationally and internationally interest in curatorial studies programs, particularly those geared toward contemporary art, has been growing, and the College Arts Association in 2004 established a set of standards to guide arts departments/administrators organizing curatorial curricula; and
- WHEREAS based on the Department's growing expertise in global contemporary art, the high profile and reputation of the Wexner Center for the Arts, and the fact that this region of the country does not offer a similar program, and;
- WHEREAS the program will be 3 years in length and includes courses from within the Department, another unit within the College, and in the Moritz College of Law and John Glenn College of Public Affairs; will begin initially with 5 students and build to an entering class of 10 in five years; has the resources/facilities to establish it and plans to sustain it; and has the support of the faculty and the College leadership; and
- WHEREAS the proposal was reviewed and approved by a combined subcommittee of the Council on Academic Affairs and of the Graduate Council, and then by the full Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on December 7, 2016; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University Senate approve the proposal establish a Contemporary Art and Curatorial Practice degree program leading to the master of Arts degree, and respectfully seek approval from the Board of Trustees.