

Los Angeles City College
Comprehensive Program Review 2008

Art/Architecture Department

XII. EPC Validation Review

I. Department Mission

Does the department's mission statement reflect the goals and activities of the department? Is it aligned with the college mission? Explain.

The mission generally reflects and supports the college mission; however, the mission needs to focus and expand upon the department's own activities and values to specifically identify a selective mission for art/architecture. [Recommendation addressed.]

II. Department Overview

Does the department's analysis of trends in enrollment and achievement accurately reflect the data? Have any issues been identified? Explain.

A thorough description of enrollment trends was presented. The scheduling of courses in fall/spring vs. summer/winter is responsive to student needs and the sequencing of the curriculum.

The department should note that in the student outcomes data, retention rates and success rates are higher in summer and winter than in fall and spring. There was also a large drop in the success rate in Environmental Design between 2005-06 and 2006-07; this drop should be discussed.

The data clearly support the need for additional faculty for this department in order for it to successfully achieve its educational goals.

III. Vocational Programs

Does the department's analysis of labor market demand, advisory board activities and accreditation status (if applicable) reflect the data? Have any issues been identified and are they adequately addressed with appropriate action plans? Explain.

Nice analysis of the employment outlook for both architecture and graphic design.

Should the department consider having an Advisory Committee for Graphic Design?

Good analysis of comparable programs supporting department development needs.

IV. Curriculum

Does the department's analysis of enrollment trends accurately reflect the data? Has adequate progress been made in developing and assessing student learning outcomes at the course and program level? Are Title 5 course outline updates current? Has adequate analysis of course scheduling been provided? Explain.

Comprehensive analysis and evaluation of each course.

Title 5 update section not addressed.

New curricula planned seem to reflect enrollment trends as well as market demand.

V. Departmental Engagement

Has the department provided a full description of departmental engagement? Explain.

Section A & B are sufficient, however section C, departmental connections, only architecture is listed. This may be an oversight but it seems that art and graphic design have not reached out to employers and community. [Recommendation addressed.]

VI. Professional Development

Has the department provided a full description of professional development? Explain.

The department provided a comprehensive listing of professional development of all faculty.

VII. Support and Activities

Has the department provided a full description of support needs of the department? Explain.

The department reports that it has been negatively impacted by the removal of Mac/Apple computers from the All College Lab. This problem needs to be investigated and remedied.

VIII. Resources: Personnel, Equipment and Facilities

Has the department provided a full description of resource needs of the department? Explain.

They project three retirements at the end of this year.

They seem to have a clear understanding what they need to continue and like many departments, they have no clerical staff.

IX. Planning and Budget

Do the planning goals and action plans reflect the issues raised in the self study? Are they aligned with the Educational Master Plan and the College Strategic Plan? Explain.

The department has done a good job of using past plans as a foundation for the development and implementation of new plans.

X. Final Summary by Discipline

Are all items identified as a Major Concern addressed with a goal and action plan? Explain.

Two areas are identified as major concerns: physical facilities for the Architecture program and FTEF for the Art program. The need for additional space for Architecture is addressed in an action plan.

XI. Department Strengths and Weaknesses

Has the department provided an adequate analysis of departmental strengths and weaknesses? Explain.

The department provided a detailed analysis of both strengths and weaknesses.

XII. Recommendations/Commendations

What recommendations based on your comments do you have for this department? What commendations do you have for this department? Explain.

Commendations:

1. Effective analysis of department's vocational programs and their linkages with the community and local architecture schools.
2. Successful advisory board meeting resulting in open dialog with other schools.
3. Detailed, thoughtful and realistic assessment of challenges facing department.
4. Exciting plans for new curriculum.

Recommendations:

1. Refocus the department mission on the department itself.
2. Strongly advocate for replacement full time faculty hires in order to maintain the integrity and quality of the program.
3. Address Title 5 analysis section.
4. Consider starting an advisory committee for graphic design.