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**External Evaluation Report
Program of Study**

Institution: Cyprus University of Technology.

Program of Study: BA, FINE ART

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INSTRUCTIONS:

The present document has been prepared within the framework of the authority and competencies of the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education, according to the provisions of the “Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws of 2015 to 2016” [N. 136 (I)/2015].

The document is duly completed by the External Evaluation Committee for each program of study. The ANNEX (Doc. Number 300.1) constitutes an integral part of the external evaluation report for the external evaluation accreditation of a program of study.

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INTRODUCTION:

I. The External Evaluation procedure

- Short description of the documents that have been studied, of the on site visit meetings, and of the on site visit to the infrastructures.

II. The Internal Evaluation procedure

- Comments concerning the quality and the completeness of the application submitted by the institution of higher education (Doc. Number 200.1), as well as concerning the overall acceptance of and participation in the quality assurance procedures, by the institution in general and by the program of study under evaluation in particular.

FINDINGS:

1. EFFECTIVENESS OF TEACHING WORK – AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- **Organization of Teaching Work**
- **Teaching**
- **Teaching personnel**

See below

2. PROGRAM OF STUDY AND HIGHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS

- **Purpose and Objectives and learning outcomes of the Program of Study**
- **Structure and Content of the Program of studies**
- **Quality Assurance of the Program of studies**
- **Management of the Program of Study**
- **International Dimension of the Program of Study**
- **Connection with the labor market and the society**

See below

3. RESEARCH WORK AND SYNERGIES WITH TEACHING

- **Research Teaching Synergies**

See below

4. ADMINISTRATION SERVICES, STUDENT WELFARE AND SUPPORT OF TEACHING WORK

- **Administrative Mechanisms**
- **Infrastructures / Support**
- **Financial Resources**

See below

5. DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMS

n/a

6. DOCTORAL PROGRAMS OF STUDY

n/a

CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS OF THE EXTERNAL EVALUATION COMMITTEE¹

Please see Final Remarks.

- The present situation of the program, good practices, weaknesses that have been detected during the external evaluation procedure by the external evaluation committee, suggestions for improvement.

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Quality Standards and Indicators

External Evaluation of a Program of Study

Institution: Cyprus University of Technology

Program of Study: BA, Fine Art

Duration of the Program of Study: Four Years

Evaluation Date:14/11/17

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¹ It is highlighted, at this point, that the External Evaluation Committee is expected to justify its findings and its suggestions on the basis of the Document num.: 300.1. The External Evaluation Committee is not expected to submit a suggestion for the approval or the rejection of the program of study under evaluation. This decision falls under the competencies of the Council of the Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation of higher education.

The document describes the quality standards and indicators, which will be applied for the external evaluation of programs of study of institutions of higher education, by the External Evaluation Committee.

DIRECTIONS: Note what is applicable for each quality standard/indicator.

1. Applicable to a minimum degree
2. Applicable to a non satisfactory degree
3. Applicable to a satisfactory degree
4. Applicable to a very satisfactory degree
5. It applies and it constitutes a good practice

It is pointed out that, in the case of standards and indicators that cannot be applied due to the status of the institution and/or of the program of study, N/A (= Not Applicable) should be noted and a detailed explanation should be provided on the institution’s corresponding policy regarding the specific quality standard or indicator.

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Date and Time of the On-Site Visit: 12TH November 2017.

Duration of the On-Site Visit: one day

KEY

1. EFFECTIVENESS OF TEACHING WORK – AVAILABLE RESOURCES						
1.1	Organization of teaching work	1	2	3	4	5
1.1.1	The student admission requirements to the program of study, are based on specific regulations which are adhered to in a consistent manner.					X
1.1.2	The number of students in each class allows for constructive teaching and communication, and it compares positively to the current international standards and/or practices.					X
1.1.3	The organization of the educational process safeguards the quality implementation of the program’s purpose and objectives and the achievement of the learning outcomes. Particularly, the following are taken into consideration:					
	1.1.3.1 The implementation of a specific academic calendar and its timely publication.					X
	1.1.3.2 The disclosure of the program’s curricula to the students, and their implementation by the teaching personnel					X
	1.1.3.3 The course web-pages, updated with the relevant supplementary material				X	

	1.1.3.4	The procedures for the fulfillment of undergraduate and postgraduate assignments / practical training					X	
	1.1.3.5	The procedures for the conduct and the format of the examinations and for student assessment					X	
	1.1.3.6	The effective provision of information to the students and the enhancement of their participation in the procedures for the improvement of the educational process.					X	
1.1.4	Adequate and modern learning resources, are available to the students, including the following:							
	1.1.4.1	facilities MC						X
	1.1.4.2	library			X			
	1.1.4.3	infrastructure					X	
	1.1.4.4	student welfare						X
	1.1.4.5	academic mentoring						X
1.1.5	A policy for regular and effective communication, between the teaching personnel and the students, is applied.							X
1.1.6	The teaching personnel, for each course, provide timely and effective feedback to the students.							X
1.1.7	Statutory mechanisms, for the support of students and the communication with the teaching personnel, are effective.							X
1.1.8	Control mechanisms for student performance are effective.						X	
1.1.9	Support mechanisms for students with problematic academic performance are effective.				X			
1.1.10	Academic mentoring processes are transparent and effective for undergraduate and postgraduate programs and are taken into consideration for the calculation of academic work load.		N/A					
1.1.11	The program of study applies an effective policy for the prevention and detection of plagiarism.				X			
1.1.12	The program of study provides satisfactory mechanisms for complaint management and for dispute resolution.							X

Justify the answer you have provided and note the additional comments you may have on each standard / indicator.

1.1.1 We understand the admission process is an exception to the norm in Cyprus. The Panel regards the process as appropriate to the subject area, particularly the inclusion of a presentation and inspection of a portfolio of student work.

1.1.3.3 Based on the web pages for the existing programmes we are confident that the web pages will be satisfactory.

1.1.4.2 The Panel understands that a Library annex is due to be built, this is necessary. See also note 4.2.5 regarding teaching materials.

1.1.9 Students will be studying across a variety of topics and learning/ assessment modes. The Department should ensure that they monitor existing support mechanisms and adapt these in future programme reviews.

1.1.11 The Department should ensure that originality software for the detection of plagiarism e.g. Turnitin is used.

Note, additionally:

α) the expected number of Cypriot and International Students in the program of study.

15 students for every one of the first two years of the programme and then 30 new students per year.

β) the countries of origin of the majority of students.

We understand the majority of students will come from Cyprus or Greece

γ) the maximum planned number of students per class-section.

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1.2	Teaching	1	2	3	4	5
1.2.1	The methodology utilized in each course is suitable for achieving the course's purpose and objectives and those of the individual modules.					X
1.2.2	The methodology of each course is suitable for adults.					X
1.2.3	Continuous-formative assessment and feedback are provided to the students regularly.					X
1.2.4	The assessment system and criteria regarding student course performance, are clear, adequate, and known to the students.			X		

1.2.5	Educational activities which encourage students' active participation in the learning process, are implemented.					X
1.2.6	Teaching incorporates the use of modern educational technologies that are consistent with international standards, including a platform for the electronic support of learning.					X
1.2.7	Teaching materials (books, manuals, journals, databases, and teaching notes) meet the requirements set by the methodology of the program's individual courses, and are updated regularly.			X		
<p>Justify the answer you have provided and note the additional comments you may have on each standard / indicator.</p> <p>1.2.4 The assessment criteria could be better articulated. Given the range of teaching modes and different forms of assessment separate marking criteria should be developed and published for each course. As the programme develops the Team may wish to reduce the assessment load.</p> <p>1.2.7 Refer to note 4.2.5</p>						
1.3	Teaching Personnel	1	2	3	4	5
1.3.1	The number of full-time academic personnel, occupied exclusively at the institution, and their fields of expertise, adequately support the program of study.					X
1.3.2	The members of teaching personnel for each course have the relevant formal and fundamental qualifications for teaching the course, as described by the legislation, including the following:					
1.3.2.1	Subject specialization, preferably with a doctorate, in the discipline.					X
1.3.2.2	Publications within the discipline.					X
1.3.3	The specializations of Visiting Professors adequately support the program of study.					X

1.3.4	Special Teaching Personnel and Special Scientists have the necessary qualifications, adequate work experience and specialization to teach a limited number of courses in the program of study.				X	
1.3.5	In every program of study the Special Teaching Personnel does not exceed 30% of the Teaching Research Personnel.				X	
1.3.6	The teaching personnel of each private institution of tertiary education, to a percentage of at least 70%, has recognized academic qualification, by one level higher than that of the program of study in which he/she teaches.					X
1.3.7	In the program of study, the ratio of the number of courses taught by full-time personnel, occupied exclusively at the institution, to the number of courses taught by part-time personnel, ensures the quality of the program of study.					X
1.3.8	The ratio of the number of students to the total number of teaching personnel is adequate for the support and safeguarding of the program's quality.					X
1.3.9	The academic personnel's teaching load does not limit the conduct of research, writing, and contribution to the society.					X
1.3.10	Future redundancies / retirements, expected recruitment and promotions of academic personnel safeguard the unimpeded implementation of the program of study within a five-year span.					X
1.3.11	The program's Coordinator has the qualifications and experience to efficiently coordinate the program of study.					X

Justify the answer you have provided and note the additional comments you may have on each standard / indicator.

The quality of the Team is excellent with impressive recent appointments, ref 1.3.11 Care needs to be taken that the Coordinator's workload is shared amongst new staff. The provision for the Team's contribution to research writing and practice and contribution to Society is exemplary.

It is very important that the University's commitment to appoint new staff set out in Table 4 pp 43-45 is met in full. In addition, the Panel were concerned that there is adequate provision for technical support in the workshops and studios to make these spaces operational and safe. The requirement is for 3 full-time posts (1 x technical support/Lab Assistant in Printmaking/photography, 1 x technical support/Lab Assistant in 3D, 1 x technical support/Lab Assistant in 2D).



2. PROGRAM OF STUDY AND HIGHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS						
2.1	Purpose and Objectives and learning outcomes of the Program of Study	1	2	3	4	5
2.1.1	The purpose and objectives of the program of study are formulated in terms of expected learning outcomes and are consistent with the mission and the strategy of the institution.				X	
2.1.2	The purpose and objectives of the program and the learning outcomes are utilized as a guide for the design of the program of study.				X	
2.1.3	The higher education qualification and the program of study, conform to the provisions of their corresponding Professional and Vocational Bodies for the purpose of registration to these bodies.	N/A				
2.1.4	The program's content, the methods of assessment, the teaching materials and the equipment, lead to the achievement of the program's purpose and objectives and ensure the expected learning outcomes.				X	
2.1.5	The expected learning outcomes of the program are known to the students and to the members of the academic and teaching personnel.					X
2.1.6	The learning process is properly designed to achieve the expected learning outcomes.					X
2.1.7	The higher education qualification awarded to the students, corresponds to the purpose and objectives and the learning outcomes of the program.					X
Justify the answer you have provided and note the additional comments you may have on each standard / indicator.						
2.1.4. Please see note for 1.2.4						
2.2	Structure and Content of the Program of Study	1	2	3	4	5
2.2.1	The course curricula clearly define the expected learning outcomes, the content, the teaching and learning approaches and the method of assessing student performance.				X	
2.2.2	The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) is applied and there is true correspondence between credits and workload per course and per semester for the student either he / she studies in a specific program or he/she is registered and studies simultaneously in					X

	additional programs of studies according to the European practice in higher education institutions.					
2.2.3	The program of study is structured in a consistent manner and in sequence, so that concepts operating as preconditions precede the teaching of other, more complex and cognitively more demanding, concepts				X	
2.2.4	The higher education qualification awarded, the learning outcomes and the content of the program are consistent.					X
2.2.5	The program, in addition to the courses focusing on the specific discipline, includes an adequate number of general education courses.					X
2.2.6	The content of courses and modules, and the corresponding educational activities are suitable for achieving the desired learning outcomes with regards to the knowledge, skills, and abilities which should be acquired by students.				X	
2.2.7	The number and the content of the program's courses are sufficient for the achievement of learning outcomes. AB/MC FOCUS ON STUDIOJC FOCUS ON ART HISTORY					X
2.2.8	The content of the program's courses reflects the latest achievements / developments in science, arts, research and technology.					X
2.2.9	Flexible options / adaptable to the personal needs or to the needs of students with special needs, are provided. AB/MC FOCUS ON SUDIO JC FOCUS ON ART HISTORY				X	

Justify the answer you have provided and note the additional comments you may have on each standard / indicator.

Note the expected number of students who will be studying simultaneously at another academic institution, based on your experience so far, regarding students who study simultaneously in the programs of your institution

A great deal of thought and care has gone into devising the detail of the Programme. As new subject specialists join the Team, they will bring their expertise to bear on developing and refining the curricula/Programme further. The Panel discussed at length the relative weightings of the various courses and the balance between theory and practice and have confidence in the way this has been planned. However, as with all new programmes, the Team will need to assess the Programme structure carefully at appropriate moments.

2.2.2 The Panel understood the increased ECTS weighting in the Third and Final Year studio courses to reflect students' increasing specialization and independent learning. As the Programme develops (and these courses will come on-stream from 2020) the Team may need to refine the assessment criteria in relation to the increasing ECTS weighting in these later stages of the Programme.

2.3	Quality Assurance of the Program of Study	1	2	3	4	5
2.3.1	The arrangements regarding the program's quality assurance define clear competencies and procedures.					X
2.3.2	Participation in the processes of the system of quality assurance of the program, is ensured for					
	2.3.2.1 the members of the academic personnel					X
	2.3.2.2 the members of the administrative personnel				X	
	2.3.2.3 the students.					X
2.3.3	The guide and / or the regulations for quality assurance, provide detailed information and data for the support and management of the program of study.					X
2.3.4	The quality assurance process constitutes an academic process and it is not restricted by non-academic factors.					X

Justify the answer you have provided and note the additional comments you may have on each standard / indicator.

2.4	Management of the Program of Study	1	2	3	4	5
2.4.1	Effective management of the program of study with regard to its design, its approval, its monitoring and its review, is in place.					X
2.4.2	It is ensured that learning outcomes may be achieved within the specified timeframe.				X	
2.4.3	It is ensured that the program's management and development process is an academic process which operates without any non-academic interventions.					X
2.4.4	The academic hierarchy of the institution, (Rector, Vice-Rectors, Deans, Chairs and Programs' Coordinators, academic personnel)				X	

	have the sole responsibility for academic excellence and the development of the programs of study.					
2.4.5	Information relating to the program of study are posted publicly and include:					
2.4.5.1	The provisions regarding unit credits				X	
2.4.5.2	The expected learning outcomes				X	
2.4.5.3	The methodology				X	
2.4.5.4	Course descriptions				X	
2.4.5.5	The program's structure				X	
2.4.5.6	The admission requirements					X
2.4.5.7	The format and the procedures for student assessment				X	
2.4.6	The award of the higher education qualification is accompanied by the Diploma Supplement which is in line with the European and international standards.					X
2.4.7	The effectiveness of the program's evaluation mechanism, by the students, is ensured.				X	
2.4.8	The recognition and transfer of credit units from previous studies is regulated by procedures and regulations which ensure that the majority of credit units is awarded by the institution which awards the higher education qualification.					X

Justify the answer you have provided and note the additional comments you may have on each standard / indicator.

2.4.2 The curricula is ambitious, full and will stretch students. The Programme needs to be reviewed at appropriate moments to ensure that the student workload is manageable without compromising the quality of the learning experience.

2.4.5.6 Refer to note on 1.1.1

In the case of practical training, note:

- The number of credit units for courses and the number of credits for practical training
- In which semester does practical training takes place?
- Note if practical training is taking place in a country other than the homecountry of the institution which awards the higher education qualification

2.5	International Dimension of the Program of Study	1	2	3	4	5
2.5.1	The program's collaborations with other institutions are compared positively with corresponding collaborations of other departments / programs of study in Europe and internationally.					X
2.5.2	The program attracts Visiting professors of recognized academic standing.					X
2.5.3	Students participate in exchange programs.			X		
2.5.4	The academic profile of the program of study is compatible with corresponding programs of study in Cyprus and internationally.					X
<p>Justify the answer you have provided and note the additional comments you may have on each standard / indicator.</p> <p>2.5.1/2.5.2 The Panel commends the plans to make the Programme internationally facing, and noted that the current staff and new appointments make this ambitious goals realistic.</p> <p>2.5.3 We would particularly encourage the Department to take up opportunities offered through the Erasmus scheme.</p> <p>Also, comment on the degree the program compares positively with corresponding programs operating in Cyprus and abroad in higher education institutions of the same rank.</p> <p>The Department has distinctive and ambitious aims in terms of its international position, which the Panel commends.</p>						
2.6	Connection with the labor market and the society	1	2	3	4	5
2.6.1	The procedures applied, so that the program conforms to the scientific and professional activities of the graduates, are adequate and effective.			X		
2.6.2	According to the feasibility study, indicators for the employability of graduates are satisfactory.			X		
2.6.3	Benefits, for the society, deriving from the program are significant.					X
<p>Justify the answer you have provided and note the additional comments you may have on each standard / indicator.</p>						

The Panel noted the inclusion of an Arts Curating and Management (FAR 490) course towards the end of the Programme. We felt this could be built upon to introduce students more comprehensively to employment opportunities and issues.

2.6.2 The Panel did not see the Feasibility Study

2.6.3 The benefits for the City and for society that will accrue as the Programme becomes embedded should be very significant indeed in terms of raising the cultural profile. The Panel has every confidence in the Team to deliver in this regard.

3. RESEARCH WORK AND SYNERGIES WITH TEACHING						
3.1	Research - Teaching Synergies	1	2	3	4	5
3.1.1	It is ensured that teaching and learning have been adequately enlightened by research.					X
3.1.2	New research results are embodied in the content of the program of study.					X
3.1.3	Adequate and sufficient facilities and equipment are provided to support the research component of the program of study, which are available and accessible to the personnel and the students.					X
3.1.4	The results of the academic personnel's research activity are published in international journals with the peer-reviewing system, in international conferences, conference minutes, publications etc.					X
3.1.5	External, non-governmental, funding for the academic personnel's research activities, is compared positively to the funding of other institutions in Cyprus and abroad.			X		
3.1.6	Internal funding, of the academic personnel's research activities, is compared positively to the funding of other institutions in Cyprus and abroad.					X
3.1.7	The policy for, indirect or direct, internal funding of the academic personnel's research activity is satisfactory.					X
3.1.8	The participation of students, academic, teaching and administrative personnel of the program in research activities and projects is satisfactory.					X
3.1.9	Student training in the research process is sufficient.				X	

Justify the answer you have provided and note the additional comments you may have on each standard / indicator.

3.1.5. The Panel confirms that non-governmental funding is not readily available within the subject area.

3.1.8 An understanding of ‘research’ in Fine Art has become increasingly well defined in recent years. As such, research-led teaching is constructively built into the Programme.

4. ADMINISTRATION SERVICES, STUDENT WELFARE AND SUPPORT OF TEACHING WORK

4.1	Administrative Mechanisms	1	2	3	4	5
4.1.1	There is a Student Welfare Service that supports students with regards to academic and personal problems and difficulties.				X	
4.1.2	Statutory administrative mechanisms for monitoring and supporting students are sufficient.				X	
4.1.3	The efficiency of these mechanisms is assessed on the basis of specific criteria.				X	

Justify the answer you have provided and note the additional comments you may have on each standard / indicator.

4.2	Infrastructure / Support	1	2	3	4	5
4.2.1	There are suitable books and reputable journals supporting the program.			X		
4.2.2	There is a supportive internal communication platform.				X	
4.2.3	The facilities are adequate in number and size.					X
4.2.4	The equipment used in teaching and learning (laboratory and electronic equipment, consumables etc) are quantitatively and qualitatively adequate.				X	
4.2.5	Teaching materials (books, manuals, scientific journals, databases) are adequate and accessible to students.			X		

4.2.6	Teaching materials (books, manuals, scientific journals, databases) are updated regularly with the most recent publications.			X		
4.2.7	The teaching personnel are provided with training opportunities in teaching method, in adult education, and in new technologies on the basis of a structured learning framework.				X	
<p>Justify the answer you have provided and note the additional comments you may have on each standard / indicator.</p> <p>4.2.1. The Panel felt there is a need for increased investment in Library resources and related learning and research skills training. The document provided detailing library support was encouraging. The Panel commends the provision of a Subject Librarian and library tools, but felt the latter could be expanded and embedded into teaching strategies.</p> <p>There is a need for more artists' monographs and subscriptions to leading international art magazines. We noted that there is good online availability of academic art journals.</p> <p>4.2.3 The Panel were encouraged by our visit to the ongoing building works. The success of the Programme is fully dependent on the further planned Buildings 2 and 3 being completed on time and to the required specifications.</p>						
4.3	Financial Resources	1	2	3	4	5
4.3.1	The management and allocation of the financial resources of the program of study, allow for the development of the program and of the academic / teaching personnel.				X	
4.3.2	The allocation of financial resources as regards to academic matters, is the responsibility of the relevant academic departments.					X
4.3.3	The remuneration of academic and other personnel is analogous to the remuneration of academic and other personnel of the respective institutions in Cyprus.					X
4.3.4	Student tuition and fees are consistent to the tuition and fees of other respective institutions.	N/A				
<p>Justify the answer you have provided and note the additional comments you may have on each standard / indicator.</p>						

The following criterion applies additionally for distance learning programs of study.

5.	DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMS	1	2	3	4	5
5.1	Feedback processes for teaching personnel with regards to the evaluation of their teaching work, by the students, are satisfactory.					
5.2	The process and the conditions for the recruitment of academic / teaching personnel, ensure that candidates have the necessary skills and experience for long distance education.					
5.3	Through established procedures, appropriate training, guidance and support, are provided to teaching personnel, to enable it to efficiently support the educational process.					
5.4	Student performance monitoring mechanisms are satisfactory.					
5.5	Adequate mentoring by the teaching personnel, is provided to students, through established procedures.					
5.6	The unimpeded long distance communication between the teaching personnel and the students, is ensured to a satisfactory degree.					
5.7	Assessment consistency, its equivalent application to all students, and the compliance with predefined procedures, are ensured.					
5.8	Teaching materials (books, manuals, scientific journals, databases) comply with the requirements provided by the long distance education methodology and are updated regularly.					
5.9	The program of study has the appropriate and adequate infrastructure for the support of learning.					
5.10	The supporting infrastructures are easily accessible.					
5.11	Students are informed and trained with regards to the available educational infrastructure.					

5.12	The procedures for systematic control and improvement of the supportive services are regular and effective.					
5.13	Infrastructure for distance education is comparable to university infrastructure in the European Union and internationally.					
5.14	Electronic library services are provided according to international practice in order to support the needs of the students and of the teaching personnel.					
5.15	The students and the teaching personnel have access to the necessary electronic sources of information, relevant to the program, the level, and the method of teaching.					
5.16	The percentage of teaching personnel who holds a doctorate, in a program of study which is offered long distance, is not less than 75%.					

Justify the answer you have provided and note the additional comments you may have on each standard / indicator.

If the following apply, note “√” in the appropriate space next to each statement. In case the following statements do not apply, note what is applicable:

The maximum number of students per class-section, should not exceed 30 students.	
The conduct of written examinations with the physical presence of the students, under the supervision of the institution or under the supervision of reliable agencies which operate in the countries of the students, is compulsory.	
The number of long distance classes taught by the academic personnel does not exceed the number of courses taught by the teaching personnel in conventional programs of study.	

The following criterion applies additionally for doctoral programs of study.

6.	DOCTORAL PROGRAMS OF STUDY	1	2	3	4	5
6.1	The provision of quality doctoral studies is ensured through Doctoral Studies Regulations.					
6.2	The structure and the content of a doctoral program of study are satisfactory and they ensure the quality provision of doctoral studies.					
6.3	The number of academic personnel, which is going to support the doctoral program of study, is adequate.					
6.4	The doctoral studies' supervisors have the necessary academic qualifications and experience for the supervision of the specific dissertations.					
6.5	The degree of accessibility of all interested parties to the Doctoral Studies Regulations is satisfactory.					
6.6	The number of doctoral students, under the supervision of a member of the academic personnel, is apt for the continuous and effective feedback provided to the students and it complies with the European and international standards.					
6.7	The research interests of academic advisors and supervisors are satisfactory and they adequately cover the thematic areas of research conducted by the doctoral students of the program.					
<p>Justify the answer you have provided and note the additional comments you may have on each standard / indicator.</p> <p>Note the number of doctoral students under the supervision of each member of the academic personnel of the program and the academic rank of the supervisor.</p>						

FINAL REMARKS – SUGGESTIONS

Please note your final remarks and suggestions for the program of study and/or regarding particular aspects of the program.

The Panel fully supports the initiative of launching the new Fine Art Programme, the first in a public university in Cyprus. There are ambitious but realizable plans in place. An excellent Team is being put in place to deliver on these plans.

Physical and human resources have been carefully structured to allow the Programme to develop as student numbers increase. We felt that alongside the planned academic appointments, technical/lab support is essential.

This is an ambitious new programme. With regard to teaching and learning, the Team have developed a very full end exciting curriculum. There should be a structure (outside that laid down by the formal requirements of the University) whereby the Team can evaluate and review provision to ensure that the components of the Programme, including teaching in art theory and practice are in balance and that there is space and time for the students to develop their own practices and reach their full academic potential.

We particularly commend:

- **The energy and commitment demonstrated by the current Programme Coördiantor in bringing the Programme to the point where it is ready to recruit students**
- **Outstanding new professorial appointments.**
- **The ambitions and scope articulated in the documents we were provided with, particularly with regard to the way the Department will be positioned in the City, nationally and internationally.**
- **The thoroughness and commitment demonstrated by the Team to the review process.**
- **The support of the University in delivering on plans for resourcing the new Programme with staff, buildings and infrastructure.**
- **plans to make the Programme internationally facing**

Recommendations:

- **All planned appointments should be made as planned.**
- **Requirements for technical/laboratory support should be given further thought and the necessary appointments prioritized.**
- **The planned buildings should be completed as planned.**
- **Library resources should be strengthened**

Matters for consideration:

- **Further thought might be given to developing fuller assessment criteria for the practice-based courses and ensuring that there is transparency in assessment methods across different modes of study.**
- **Student workload, particularly in the first two years of study should be carefully monitored. The Team may wish to consider reducing the volume of courses/increasing the ECTS for given courses.**
- **In the later of the Programme, curriculum developments that emphasize employability/careers open to Fine Art students may be considered.**
- **Further consideration should be given to the development of postgraduate pathways in the subject.**

The development of this new programme is undoubtedly an exciting opportunity for the University, for Limassol and for Cyprus. It will be particularly welcomed by those students who wish to study Fine Art in a public university in Cyprus who have hitherto not had this opportunity. Its arrival is also more broadly welcomed by the international Fine Art academic community. As with all new programmes, the Team may anticipate that opportunities and threats will come into view. We have every confidence in their capacity and energy to deal with these and with the continued support of the University. We wish the Fine Art Department every success in the future.

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