**Art, Humanities, and Philosophy Department Merger Proposal**

**Date:**

March 16, 2022

**Department Name:**

Art, Humanities, & Philosophy

**Faculty Involved:**

Ken Alexander, Lucy Snow, Eric Sanchez, Edward Haven, Jennifer Saito, Luis Zuniga

**Programs:**

No impact to existing programs.

* **Art**
	+ Associate in Arts for Transfer, Studio Arts
	+ Associate of Arts, Art History
	+ Associate of Arts, Fine Arts
	+ Associate of Arts, Graphic Communications
	+ Certificate of Achievement, Graphic Communications
	+ Certificate of Achievement, Three Dimensional Design
* **Humanities**
	+ Associate of Arts, Humanities
* **Philosophy**
	+ Associate in Arts for Transfer, Philosophy

**Manager/Dean:**

Dean of Liberal Arts and Humanities

**Proposal for the new Department:**

It is the request of Art and Humanities to merge with the Philosophy Department.

This has been envisioned as a way of increasing the size and weight of a small department with a medium-sized department to become a larger department with a broader roster of talent and a greater voice. Edward Haven, with a strong background in Humanities, will a natural leader in this effort.

Along with the participation of fulltime faculty teaching in other departments (but acting as adjunct faculty in our department), we believe that the new Art and Humanities Department can consolidate and expand our Humanities degree by improved marketing of existing courses and expansion of new courses that can offer students a greater diversity in terms of subject and scope.

These might include Humanities surveys of Asian-Latin-African-American cultures as well as our present Western focus. We are further interested in broadening opportunities for team teaching that will reflect the multi-disciplinary scope of Humanities, given the inclusion of history, philosophy, religion, literature, music, and a variety of visual and performing arts.

**Financial Impact:**

No new financial impact. Collaboration with the Business Office to provide appropriate budget coding.

**Proposed Next Steps:**

Date for Academic Senate presentation:

Date for Shared Governance Committee presentation: