

Section 1 and 3 - Analysis of Unit PIE & Updates on Goals



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Division Mission Statement: The mission of the Arts Division is to inspire students' creative expressions, artistic growth and professional development while engaging and educating them about the vital social and economic roles of the arts and the artist. We are committed to expanding knowledge, critical thinking, professional skills and self-awareness to help students negotiate their academic pathway and prepare for their life and chosen career.

Analysis of conditions and resulting plans, activities, resources, progress and critical decisions.: In 2020 the overwhelming external condition, which had a reactive analogue as an internal condition, was the pandemic. This situation required all Arts Division courses to transition to online delivery. Those courses that could not be presented in the online space were unfortunately cancelled. This dynamic altered the landscape and our decision making processes. We supported the faculty and staff throughout the closure, bringing a robust amount of additional funding to departments and programs through CARES Act sources. This funding helped the transition to online class delivery and allowed students who would not have been able to stay in school to persist and succeed.

In 2021, as the pandemic began to recede, because a number of disciplines in the Arts are essential worker programs, we were able to return some of our facilities dependent classes to face-to-face delivery. These include select classes in Radio Broadcast, Film and Television as well as Audio Arts. CARES Act funding continued to help in the return to campus of these disciplines. Too, in the second eight-week session of Spring Semester 2021, select choral music ensembles were able to return to campus under the safety protocols that included the wearing of masks and social distancing. All of these courses helped us better realize the safety demands we will face in Fall Semester 2021 as we return to a more normal level of courses on campus.