Request To Rename A Department

1. Proposing College / School: College of Liberal Arts

2. Effective Term: Fall 2014

3. Affected CIP Code(s): 50.0702

4. Department Name (Current): Department of Art

5. Department Name (Proposed): Department of Art and Art History

6. Rationale for Renaming:
   (For any of the following, please attach specific information pertaining to the need for renaming (e.g.: similar revisions at peer institutions, accreditation, etc.)
   - Department Merger or Realignment Within College/School
   - Accreditation Standards
   - Significant Revision to Curricular Focus
   - Alignment With Current Standards in Job Market, Academic Field
   - Other (Specify via attached memorandum)

6. Affected Program(s):
   (Respond "N/A" if not included in any program)

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Approvals

Date: 09/19/2013

Department Chair / Head

College / School Curriculum Committee

College / School Dean

Dean of the Graduate School (for Graduate Courses)

Assoc. Provost for Undergraduate Studies (for Undergraduate Courses)
Art history has long been an essential and valued component of the art program at Auburn. For many years it was, however, considered a secondary component of the program, in service to our studio art degree offerings. This is no longer the case, with art history at Auburn having grown significantly in scope and quality of offerings. The Department of Art has a minor in Art History of long standing, and has since 2008 offered a BA in Art History. Our accreditor, the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, has given program approval for this degree track, which presently enrolls 26 majors. We wish to change the name of our academic department to the Department of Art and Art History to reflect these developments in our program. We expect that doing so will increase visibility of our art history offerings within the university and beyond, and will contribute to our recruitment of superior students with particular interest in the study of art history. We believe that this assertion of the importance of art history in our department and at Auburn will also better serve our students in their pursuit of graduate study opportunities.

While the studio art and art history components of our department remain closely allied, with all studio art majors taking a range of art history coursework and all art history majors completing a series of studio art courses as requirements in their respective majors, art history has asserted its distinct identity within the department. Art history faculty contribute their own programmatic planning, curriculum development, assessment, and advising. There is an active chartered student organization of art history students.

Art faculty have unanimously voted support of this new departmental name. No new resources will be required to effect the change. No new duplication of courses of study is involved. This designation is a quite common one nationally and regionally in programs where the art history degree option exists. Departments at the University of Alabama, the University of Florida, the University of Texas, the University of Alabama Birmingham, and the University of Alabama Huntsville, among a great many others, are so named.