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To: Undergraduate Council
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Subj: Termination of the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in
Studio Art - Interior Design (BFA-SAIN)

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The State Board of Architectural Examiners established the requirement that an applicant for interior design registration by examination who begins his or her education after September 1, 2006 must graduate from a program accredited by FIDER, the Foundation for Interior Design Education and Research. The School of Art's program in Interior Design is not FIDER accredited

Working with Dean Antel of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, it has been determined that sufficient funding and faculty lines will not be forthcoming to achieve FIDER accreditation. Because it would be misleading for students to obtain a degree that would not lead to licensing by examination in Texas, the decision was made to discontinue the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in this major.

The School of Art has developed a gradual plan to phase out the course offerings. The semester for the final senior class is Spring 2009. No incoming students are being approved by the Admissions Office. Students in other majors who are currently enrolled will have only through the summer of 2006 to change their major to Studio Art-Interior Design.

xc: Dr. Sarah Fishman Boyd ✓
Prof. Richard Hutchens

Approved by [Redacted Signature] 5/2/06