Public Forum Questions and Feedback for Pending Photography Program Impaction

Public forums and information meetings were held at Sierra College, Sacramento State, Cosumnes River College and American River College on March 6, 12, 13 and 14, 2012, respectively. The sessions were advertised to the public and specific invitations were provided to high school and community college representatives. For all questions, Sacramento State officials were on hand to provide answers, including the Department of Design chair and faculty from the Photography program.

1. Questions were asked about supplemental criteria for admission into the Photography program. The Chair and Photography faculty provided responses and handouts were provided with specific list of supplemental criteria. The attendees were directed to the webpage http://www.al.csus.edu/design/ for additional detailed information and updates.

2. There was a question about the number of students that are currently in the program and how many are expected to be accepted on an annual basis. The Chair and Photography faculty provided current program numbers and explained that approximately 40 students will be accepted into the major annually. It was explained that this number realistically aligns resources with the appropriate number of students to provide a path to a timely graduation.

3. There was a question about what the timeline for application, to both the university and the program, would be for a transfer student who had already met the lower division course requirements for the Photography program. The Chair explained the general university admissions process was discussed with the attendees how an application to the Photography program may fit into the general university admissions timeline.

4. There were questions about the ability of students to transfer Photography courses from the community college as required upper division coursework in the Photography program at Sacramento State. It was explained that this would no longer be possible.

5. There were questions about what guidance would be provided to students as they prepare their photography portfolio, which is one of the supplemental criteria. It was explained that there would be a number of channels to access directions when constructing a photography portfolio for application to the program. They were directed to http://www.al.csus.edu/design/ for existing guidelines and future updates.

6. At all meetings held on Community College campuses there was a general agreement to maintain an open line of communication between Sacramento State and Community College faculty throughout the impaction application process in an effort to ensure as smooth a transition as possible for all students potentially affected.