

National Association of Schools of Art and Design

SELF-STUDY in *Format A*

**Presented for consideration by the
NASAD Commission on Accreditation**

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Degrees and/or programs for which Renewal of Plan Approval and Final Approval for Listing is sought:

BA Art
BFA Animation
BFA Graphic Design
BFA Photography
BFA Studio Art (2D) (3D)
BA Interior Design
BS Interior Design

Degrees and/or programs for which Plan Approval is sought:

BFA Animation (Teaching Certification)
BFA Graphic Design (Teaching Certification)
BFA Photography (Teaching Certification)
BFA Studio Art (2D) (Teaching Certification)
BFA Studio Art (3D) (Teaching Certification)
MFA Art and Social Practice

SECTION I. PURPOSES AND OPERATIONS

A. Purposes of the Institution and Art/Design Unit

University Mission

Sam Houston State University provides high quality education, scholarship and service to qualified students for the benefit of regional, state, national, and international constituencies.

University Vision

Best at Educating the next generation of professionals:

- Excellence in academics
- Effective in student success
- Efficient in operations
- Loyal to traditions
- Focus on innovation

University Motto

The measure of a Life is its Service.

University Goals

- Foster a lifelong learning environment in support of a diverse faculty and staff who are excellent scholars, educators, and professionals.
- Promote a stimulating learning environment through the integration of academic settings, campus culture, and service.
- Increase and develop university resources and infrastructures that support the intellectual transformation of students.
- Enhance marketing outreach and visibility to include academic and scholarly activities through consistent and integrated messaging while optimizing communication channels.
- Promote efficient data driven decision making through the integration of centralized data analysis, review, and dissemination.
- Cultivate a continually sensitive and proactive response to the ever-changing needs of our constituents.

The mission statement has been approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and The Texas State University System Board of Regents. The mission statement addresses the institution's responsibilities in teaching, research, and service as mandated by the Texas Education Code. The mission is specific to SHSU and is consistent with a Carnegie *Doctoral University of High Research Activity* classification.

The mission statement drives the university's strategic planning process. The Strategic Planning Committee, appointed by the President, is charged with reviewing and updating the mission statement of the university. The mission statement is foundational for the environmental scan which is a vital component of strategic planning at the University. As part of this process, the committee seeks feedback from departments across campus in its review.

Establishment, approval, and periodic review of the Sam Houston State University Mission Statement is carried out every four years in accordance with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Rules (see Flash Drive, Links to Online Material, 58. Current Strategic Planning Process) and (see MDP I—Purposes and Operations, A. Purposes, SHSU Strategic Plan—Model of Current Plan, p. 145).

Department of Art Purposes

The mission of the Sam Houston State University Department of Art is to teach skills, techniques, aesthetic principles and concepts that develop students personally and help to prepare them for professional careers in art and design as well as postgraduate study. We foster a vibrant environment for creative research and collaboration between faculty, students, and the community.

The department's mission statement appears in the Department of Art section of the university catalog and on the departmental website. It articulates the basis for annual departmental strategic planning. Strategic planning is conducted at annual faculty retreats. Goals are discussed and established at these retreats. Progress toward goals and curricular development is part of annual program assessment. Outcomes are documented in the Anthology Planning, the University's online assessment repository. Goals are results of departmental strategic planning and assessment and are communicated annually to the Dean of the College of Arts and Media, becoming a component in college-level strategic planning which is then forwarded to the Provost (see the department's strategic plan in MDP I—Purposes and Operations, Department of Art Strategic Plan, p. 147).

B. Size and Scope

The university's fall 2021 enrollment was 21,612 students. Semester credit hours were approximately 253,119

The Department of Art currently enrolls approximately 587 undergraduate majors and 5 graduate students, distributed as

- BFA Animation 342
- BFA Graphic Design 91
- BFA Photography 39
- BFA Studio Art (2D) 71
- BFA Studio Art (3D) 11
- BA Art 33
- MFA Art and Social Practice 5

The department personnel includes 38 full-time faculty, one part-time faculty, 4 full-time staff. 5 graduate assistants, and 21 part-time student employees work as studio and gallery assistants and office staff.

university budgeting process itself that do not have student learning, health, and safety as a centerpiece of intent.

In developing annual budget requests to the college from the Department of Art, each faculty member has an opportunity for input. Departmental requests are guided by the department's strategic plan. The chair submits an annual departmental budget request to the dean.

The University Art Gallery maintains a separate budget which is allocated from the College as a separate line in the Department budget.

D. Governance and Administration

TSUS

The university is a member of The Texas State University System (TSUS). The Texas State University System is governed by a nine-member Board of Regents appointed by the governor. In addition, a nonvoting student regent is appointed annually to the board. The administration, which is headed by a board-appointed chancellor, is based in Austin, where it provides support to the System components and state government. Support services to the System's eight member institutions include legal counsel, accounting, financial audit, academic program planning, contract administration, government relations, and communications services (see Flash Drive, Links to Online Material, 4-Texas State University System).

Regents

The Texas State University System Board of Regents is:

Duke Austin <i>Chairman</i> Arlington	Gary Crain <i>Second Vice Chairman</i> Madisonville
Gary Crain <i>First Vice Chairman</i> The Hills	Charlie Amato <i>Regent</i> Bellaire
Sheila Faske <i>Regent</i> Rose City	Dionicio Flores <i>Regent</i> El Paso
Nicki Harle <i>Regent</i> Baird	Stephen Lee <i>Regent</i> Beaumont
William F. Scott <i>Regent</i> Nederland	Camile Settegast <i>Student Regent</i> Horseshoe Bay

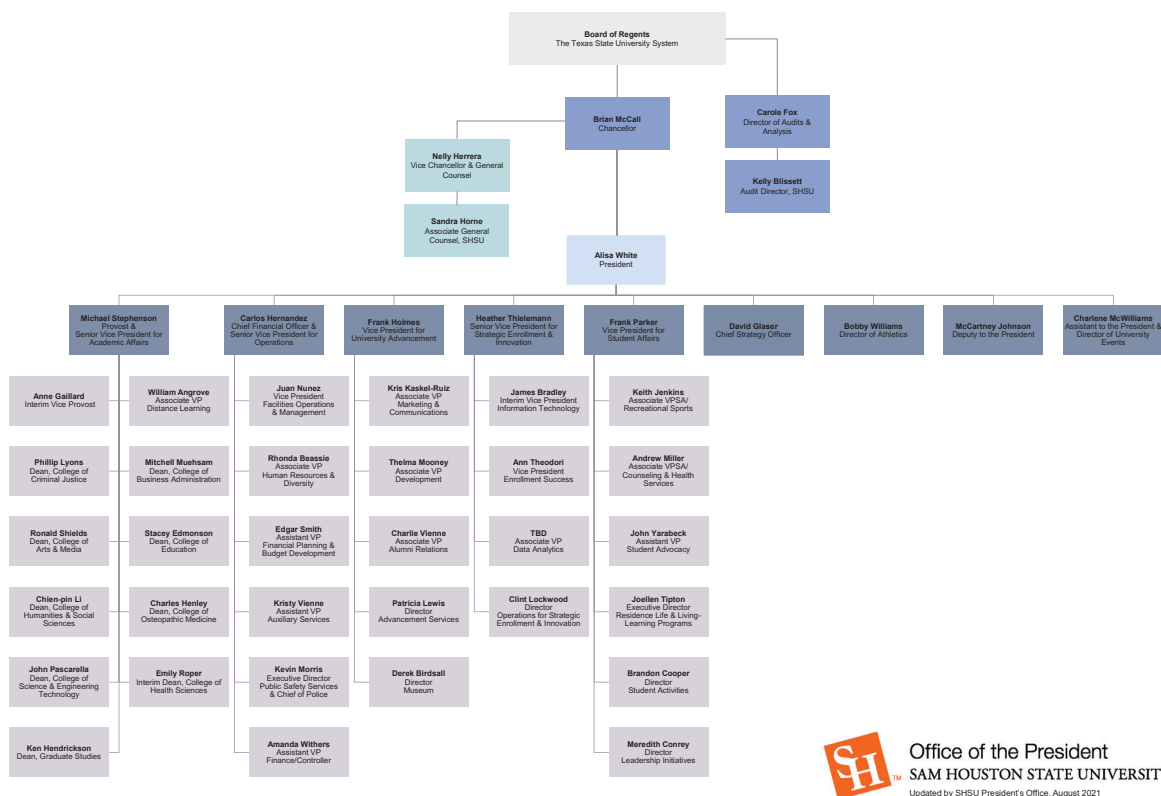
President

The chief executive officer of Sam Houston State University is the President, Alisa White. The President of the university is responsible for the development, maintenance and utilization of the university's resources in such a manner that its goals and objectives are achieved in the most effective and efficient manner, and in accordance with the desired philosophy as determined by the Board of Regents. The authority, duties, and responsibilities of the President's office can be found in The Texas State University System – Rules and Regulations. (See Flash Drive, Links to Online Material, 5. “The Texas State University System – Rules and Regulations,” Chapter IV, Presidents of the Components; Section 2 – Authority, Duties, and Responsibilities).

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Michael Stephenson, is the university's chief academic officer and reports directly to the President of the University. Responsibilities of this position include the supervision of all matters, policies, procedures, and activities within the Division of Academic Affairs. Reporting to the Provost are the Academic Deans, Associate Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies, Associate Vice President for Research and Special Programs, Associate Vice President of Research Administration and Technology Commercialization, Associate Vice President of Distance Learning, and the Director of the Library.

An overview of the university's organizational structure is below.



(See Flash Drive, Links to Online Material, 85. SHSU Organizational Chart)

SECTION IV. MANAGEMENT DOCUMENTS PORTFOLIO (MDP)

MDP I—Purposes and Operations

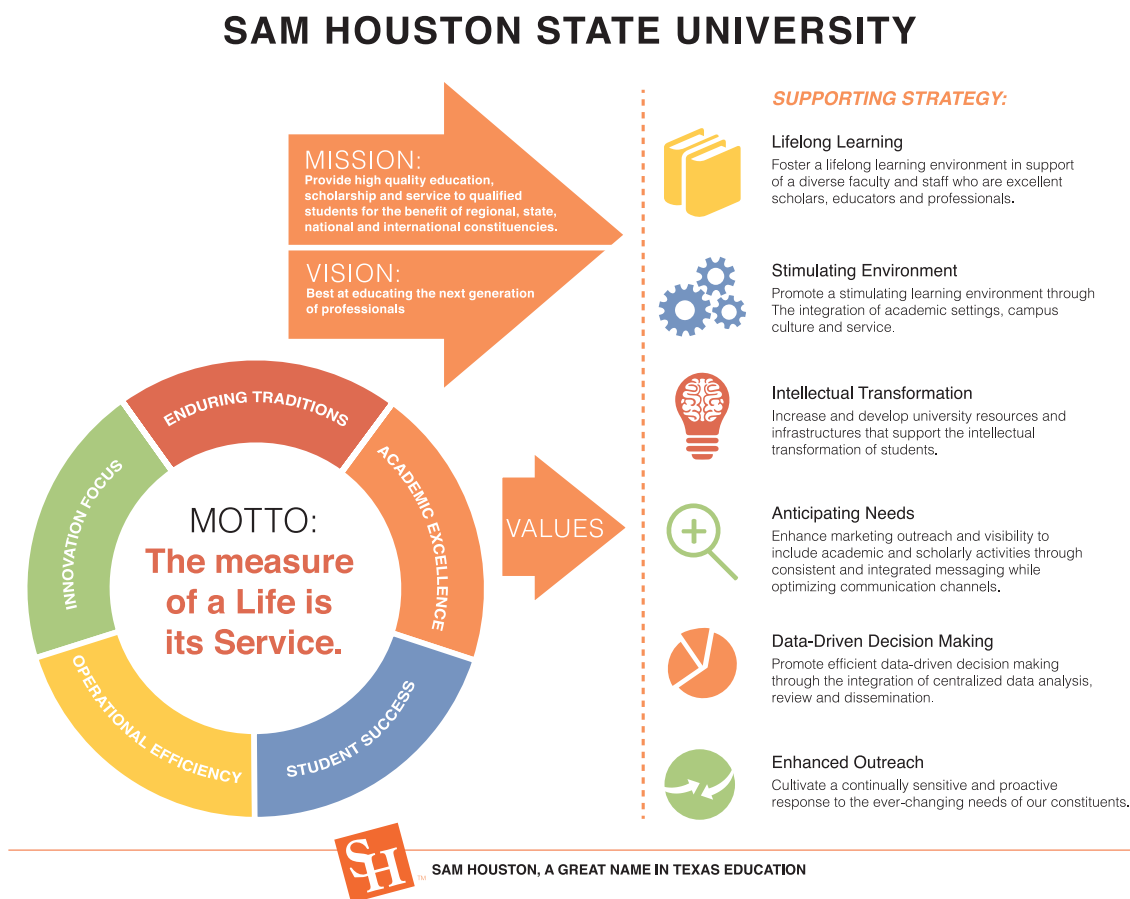
A. Purposes

SHSU Catalog

The SHSU Undergraduate Catalog is published online (see Flash Drive, Links to Online Material, 43. SHSU Undergraduate Catalog 2021-2022).

The SHSU Graduate Catalog is published online (see Flash Drive, Links to Online Material, 44. SHSU Graduate Catalog 2021-2022).

SHSU Strategic Plan—Summary of Current Plan



See Flash Drive, Links to Online Material, 58. SHSU Current Strategic Planning Process