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Office of the Director, Department of Humanities

**TO:** Dr. Kenneth Patterson, Interim President  
Maxine Hughes, Interim Vice President of Instruction

**FROM:** Dr. Anita Roybal, Director  
Department of Humanities 

**DATE:** June 23, 2020

**RE:** Recommendation to Suspend Media Arts and Film Technology Program

*In an effort to demonstrate the fiscal responsibility of the Luna Community College Department of Humanities, I have conducted internal program viability audits resulting in program recommendations.*

*Currently, the Humanities Department offers an AAS degree in Media Arts and Film Technology. Due to ongoing reductions in program enrollment and impacts of COVID-19 further reducing enrollments, data analysis clearly demonstrates the Media Arts and Film Technology Program is greatly underperforming in student participation and completion at this time. As the institution emerges from probationary restrictions and enrollments begin to recover from COVID-19 impacts, this program may become more sustainable. In that case, we can plan for reimplementation. At this time this program is not fiscally viable for continuation.*

*The suspension of Media Arts and Film Technology will enable the administration and staff of the Department of Humanities to focus on a rebuilding of the AAS MAFT degree program, utilizing gift funding from the New Mexico Film Office to contract with an individual to work in program re-development. Adjunct faculty will be utilized during a teach-out phase to enable student completions. It is estimated that we will be reactivating a newly-revised degree program within one year.*

*With your approval, the Humanities Department will begin suspension proceedings and the Fall Term schedule will reflect teach-out strategies for students who need courses for completion in this degree program.*

*Please let me know if you have any questions in regards to this recommendation.*

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