

Comprehensive Program Review Report



Program Review - Dance

Program Summary

2023-2024

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What are the strengths of your area?: Dance Faculty has continued to see increased enrollment in all classes offered.

The addition of master classes has created new interest in the Cos dance program. Faculty has seen a number of students join Cos dance classes following master class attendance. Energy is high and students are developing skills leading to many job opportunities locally.

Dance faculty continues to build connections locally to strengthen the program. All high school teams are invited to perform in Cos' dance concerts. This type of networking enables younger dancers to physically participate in the collegiate dance atmosphere. Last semester, both shows were sold out. The entertainment factor and general interest in dance is a driving force for continued success.

The Cos Dance Team has grown tremendously, not only in the number of members, but the quality as well. Highly trained dancers have sought out Cos to further their collegiate goals. This season, the Cos Dance Team will attend their first competition in an effort to build credibility and competitiveness. Students are excited to take this next step, and are working extremely hard to prepare.

The dance program has received new refurbishments, aiding in the overall success of students in the dance studio. A brand new dance floor has been a true treasure to students, who can easily perform and execute movements on the newly remodeled floor.

Additionally, the dance studio received brand new storage cabinets to house fresh, new, updated costumes. These aid faculty and students alike with an organized space for future dance costumes.

Dance Faculty is excited for the future and hopeful for continued growth.

What improvements are needed?: At this time, no improvements are needed. Student attendance is high and participation in the Final dance concert is apparent.

Describe any external opportunities or challenges.: At this time, there are no external challenges. As aforementioned, local studios provide Cos dance students with job opportunities. Additionally, guest teachers and professional dancers are given opportunities to work with Cos dance students. Such networking is a valuable resource for students interested in pursuing dance.

Overall SLO Achievement: Faculty is satisfied with SLO achievement. All SLO's have been adjusted to reflect realistic outcomes for dancers of all levels. Given the nature of dance, varying levels of training, talent, skill level all play a vital role in the outcome process. This pattern will most likely continue to emerge.

Changes Based on SLO Achievement: At this time, changes will not be made to the current SLO's.

Overall PLO Achievement: Faculty is very satisfied with the overall program achievement.

Changes Based on PLO Achievement: At this time, changes will not be made to the current PLO's.

Outcome cycle evaluation: As this is the beginning of Faculty's third year, more evaluations will continue to take place in the future.

Action: Media Cabinet Upgrade

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Replace the media cabinet with an updated one.

Leave Blank:

Implementation Timeline: 2022 - 2023

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Identify related course/program outcomes: All courses in the dance department will improve with an updated media cart. Music is the medium through which dance is expressed. Dance faculty and guest teachers can utilize apps as teaching tools, hands free access to music, and a non-complicated beginning to class.

Person(s) Responsible (Name and Position): Rebekah Meinert - Dance Professor

Rationale (With supporting data): Music is the medium through which dance is expressed. Dance faculty and guest teachers can utilize apps as teaching tools, hands free access to music, and a non-complicated beginning to class. Student outcomes will improve with the ability for faculty to implement increased tactile cues and spending more time aiding students, as opposed to the time it takes to return to the media cabinet for volume adjustment, song changes, etc.

Priority: High

Safety Issue: No

External Mandate: No

Safety/Mandate Explanation: No mandate required.

Update on Action

Updates

Update Year: 2022 - 2023

09/22/2023

Status: Action Completed

An updated media cabinet has been installed.

Impact on District Objectives/Unit Outcomes (Not Required):

Action: Potwisha Bathroom Updates & Dance Office

Request for updates in the Potwisha student bathrooms and faculty bathroom, as well as the dance office.

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Implementation Timeline: 2022 - 2023

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Identify related course/program outcomes: Dance students and faculty alike will both benefit from upgrades to the areas utilized on a daily basis.

Person(s) Responsible (Name and Position): Rebekah Meinert - Dance Professor

Rationale (With supporting data): For hygienic purposes, an updated space will provide students with a safe and clean environment to change into dance attire. Additionally, dance faculty employs the showering facilities daily after rigorous activity.

Priority: High

Safety Issue: No

External Mandate: No

Safety/Mandate Explanation:

Update on Action

Updates

Update Year: 2022 - 2023

09/22/2023

Status: Continue Action Next Year

The request is being made for bathroom updates to all 3 locations in Potwisha 101.

Impact on District Objectives/Unit Outcomes (Not Required):

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Action: Annual Dance Budget

Faculty is requesting a departmental annual budget.

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Implementation Timeline: 2022 - 2023

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Identify related course/program outcomes: An annual budget will enhance every aspect of the dance program, the dance team and student success.

Person(s) Responsible (Name and Position): Rebekah Meinert - Dance Professor

Rationale (With supporting data): An annual dance budget will aid in the growth of a successful program. The budget will be used to purchase uniforms, costumes, accessories, props, music, extra dance shoes for students who are financially limited, assistants, guest and master teachers, choreographers, competitions and the travel associated with such events.

Priority: High

Safety Issue: No

External Mandate: No

Safety/Mandate Explanation:

Action: Lighting update to Potwisha

Install brighter lights in the dance studio.

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Implementation Timeline: 2022 - 2023

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Identify related course/program outcomes: All dance classes will benefit from new lighting.

Person(s) Responsible (Name and Position): Rebekah Meinert - Dance Professor

Rationale (With supporting data): Due to the increased class sizes, the ability for students to see the teacher across the room has diminished. Brighter lighting will aid in this issue. Additionally, students with visual impairments will achieve SLO's more effectively.

Priority: High

Safety Issue: No

External Mandate: No

Safety/Mandate Explanation:

Update on Action

Updates

Update Year: 2022 - 2023

09/22/2023

Status: Continue Action Next Year

Faculty is requesting updated lighting to be installed in Potwisha 101.

Impact on District Objectives/Unit Outcomes (Not Required):