Program Strengths and Accomplishments: Enrollment has been a challenge for the department; however, they have addressed this issue by offering more online courses and scheduling classes at non-traditional times i.e., Friday classes, late afternoon, etc. The faculty has also developed and offered new courses based on student interests and requests i.e. jewelry, cartooning, etc. This has not only increased enrollment in the department but also provided students with options to meet their educational goals. The department has also built an “esprit de core” amongst the full-time and part-time faculty by organizing annual retreats to address departmental issues and concerns. The faculty does an excellent job in recognizing student achievement via student art shows and awarding a scholarship from faculty contributions. Approximately 93% of the student surveys rate the instruction they receive in the department as “very good or excellent”.

Program Goals and Objectives: Even though enrollment has been increasing, it still remains a challenge for the department and the college. Recruiting students at the high schools and sponsoring special “recruitment” activities is encouraged. The department is also encouraged to continue developing new courses and varied instructional delivery modes to meet student needs.

Other:

During the 2006-2007 academic year, the Fine Arts building is scheduled for renovation. Upon completion of the renovation all of the classrooms will be equipped with appropriate instructional equipment i.e. Smart Classrooms. The department can also apply for one time Budget Requests, which is a means for them to request additional funds to meet departmental needs. Faculty is encouraged to continue participating in the process of developing Student Learning Outcomes and assessments for courses in their department.