Dance

Program Strengths and Accomplishments
The department has done an excellent job in addressing declining enrollment in the program. They have developed new courses and updated existing ones to attract students who are majoring in dance, “non-majors” and community members. The department is to be commended for increasing their efforts and visibility by performing at the local high school and inviting students to attend Fine Arts productions at the college and enroll in summer dance productions. To accommodate working students, the department does a good job in scheduling classes and productions to meet student interest/needs. Student course completion and retention rates have remained relatively stable; however, productivity has improved due to improved enrollment management.

Other Issues Facing the Department
The department has identified several personnel needs: a full time wardrobe/costume technician and to increase the office support staff to full-time. As enrollment continues to grow in the department, I would encourage them to use the appropriate campus channels to make these requests. As construction plans are being reviewed for the Fine Arts building, room modifications to meet instructional needs should be identified at that time. Additional funding for instructional equipment should be made through the annual One Time Budget Request process. Over the last four years, depending on the availability of campus funds, the college also allocated an additional $5K - $8.5K to meet Division/department needs. The faculty is encouraged to continue their participation in the process of developing Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment.

Goals/Action Plans for the Next Three Years
- Equip Theater Arts-200 with a real sound system
- Rehab the current television camera storage for Pilates Reformers and purchase 6 reformers for Theater Arts-220
- Attend the American College Dance Festivals
- Market dance program to increase enrollment i.e. brochures, information packets, DVDs, hosting professional dance invitationals, 2 year college dance festivals, High School Dance Day and new website
- Hire an accompanist for ethnic dance classes