November 19, 2018

Mr. Robert A Kane
President
Art Institute of Philadelphia, The
1622 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear Mr. Kane:

I am writing on behalf of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education to inform you that on November 15, 2018, the Commission acted as follows:

To acknowledge receipt of the show cause report. To note the visit by the Commission’s representatives. To note the institution will close while on show cause. To note that the institution will close all locations on December 28, 2018. To note the institution remains accredited while on show cause, and to note that the accreditation of The Art Institute of Philadelphia will cease effective December 29, 2018. To request a supplemental information report, due December 15, 2018, documenting evidence of: (1) official notification of the Commission’s action to The Art Institute of Philadelphia community, including all governing board members, students, faculty, and staff, and others with significant roles; (2) notification to current and prospective students that the institution’s accreditation will cease effective December 29, 2018, and (3) public disclosure regarding the institution’s accreditation status provided wherever the institution’s web pages, publications, and announcements make reference to accreditation and in all other appropriate places and venues.

This serves as the Commission’s official notification of this action. This action appears on the institution’s Statement of Accreditation Status (SAS). If any of the information contained within the action appears to be factually incorrect, please send an email within 30 calendar days of the action to actions@msche.org.

This notification will be made publicly available on the Middle States Commission on Higher Education website in accordance with Commission policy Communication in the Accreditation Process. In accordance with policy and federal regulation, the Commission provides notification of non-compliance actions to the United States Secretary of Education, the appropriate state or other licensing or authorizing agency, and the appropriate accrediting agencies at the same time.
it notifies the institution, but no later than 30 days after it takes the action. The Commission provides notification of accreditation actions to the public through its website within 24 hours of informing the institution. Please ensure that the institution’s published references to its accreditation status align with Commission policy.

The institution is also invited to submit an official statement in response to the above Commission action. Any statement must be sent to actions@msche.org within 30 calendar days from the date of the action.

The following resources provide additional information that may be helpful to understanding the Commission’s actions and the institution’s accreditation status:

Accreditation Actions Policy and Procedures

Accreditation Review Cycle and Monitoring Policy and Procedures

Communication in the Accreditation Process

For questions about the Commission’s actions, please contact the institution’s assigned Commission staff liaison. Questions from the public about the institution’s accreditation status can be directed to communications@msche.org.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth H. Sibolski, Ph.D.
President