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April 10, 2023

Dr. Emily Todd
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Re: Soojin Kim, Assistant Professor of Art

The Art and Art History Department Evaluation Committee (DEC) enthusiastically supports the renewal of Assistant Professor Soojin Kim. This renewal recommendation is based on a careful evaluation of her submitted application materials in accordance with the CSU-AAUP Collective Bargaining Agreement 4.11.9.1-4.

TEACHING AND OTHER LOAD CREDIT ACTIVITY 4.11.9.1

Assistant Professor Soojin Kim has continued to teach a variety of Digital Art & Media Design (DA&MD) Concentration courses, including two foundation courses ART 122 Digital Illustration and Page Layout, and ART 124 Digital Imaging and Online Media, the required course ART 203 Graphic Design I, and capstone course ART 436 Graphic Design IV. She has also taught several DAMD elective courses such as ART 213 Information Graphics, ART 330 Package Design and ART 421 Digital Portfolio Preparation over the past a few years. In 2022, Assistant Professor Soojin Kim was awarded the Summer Curriculum Development Grant through which she redesigned the ART 330 Packaging Design with updated software and hardware implementation. ART 337 AR&VR Design, a newly developed course by Assistant Professor Kim will be offered for the first times in Fall 2023. Besides teaching DAMD courses, Assistant Professor Kim has offered a session of ART 231 Digital Art for Non-Art Majors, one of the LAC courses that DA&MD offers. Assistant Professor Kim's syllabi are detailed, informative, and organized. Her students' work samples demonstrated some successful challenging assignments that students accomplished in her classes. In the foundation course ART 122, one student commented "I really enjoyed this class and the variety of projects we were able to complete. As someone with no prior Adobe experience, I got to learn the programs well and improve my skills with each project..."

CREATIVE ACTIVITY 4.11.9.2

In 2022, with the support of the North Star Collective Faculty Fellowship, Assistant Professor Soojin Kim started a new art project called 'Mompai Pants' which is based on the story of her grandmother's experience of Japanese Colonial & Korean War. As an artist, Assistant Professor Kim has also been participating in the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston Art Sale & Mass Art Auction for raising funds to support art students.

PRODUCTIVE SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY 4.11.9.3

Assistant Professor Kim has actively contributed her services to the Department and University. Since 2020, she has been working for several important tasks at the Art & Art History Department, such as periodically updating the Department's website, and coordinating AAH students' submission for the CREATE, overseeing three Mac labs along with inventorying supplies for DAMD Concentration, etc. As for serving the University, she is a current member of the Organization Committee - a University Standing Committee where she maintains the University Senate's webpages; and she is the coordinator of the Asian Studies Minor - a new role she started in the Spring 2023.



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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY 4.11.9.4


Assistant Professor Kim is dedicated to the service for her community. She is a member of the National Art Education Association and College Art Association. She has been affiliated with Tao Water gallery in MA as a professional artist since 2020.

Assistant Professor Soojin Kim has demonstrated great dedication in teaching, creative work, service, and professional activity. Therefore, the Department of Art and Art History Evaluation Committee enthusiastically recommends her for renewal.

Sincerely,

 4/10/23

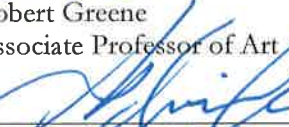
Tao Chen Date
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Lora Lee Date
Department Chair/Associate Professor of Art

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Robert Greene Date
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Afarin Rahmanifar Date
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April 14, 2021

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TEACHING AND OTHER LOAD CREDIT ACTIVITY 4.11.9.1

Assistant Professor Soojin Kim has taught a variety of Digital Art & Design (DA&D) courses since her arrival at Eastern in Fall 2019. The courses serve department Art majors and Digital Media Design (DMD), New Media Studies majors. She has taught foundation course ART 124 Digital imaging and Online Media, and major courses ART 203 Graphic Design I, ART 213 Information Graphics, ART 329 Graphic Design II, ART 330 Package Design and ART 421 Digital Portfolio Preparation. She also taught ART 231 Digital Art for Non-Art Majors, one of the LAC courses that DA&D offers. Assistant Professor Soojin Kim has participated in experiential learning in the community by incorporating the Willimantic Whitewater Partnership Logo Design project in Graphic Design II during Fall 2020. Assistant Professor Kim's syllabi are detailed, clear and informative. Due to Covid-19, the responded student opinion surveys were very limited in the past two semesters. Based on the available responses, Assistant Professor Soojin Kim received great rating for her classes. Her student work demonstrates beautiful and thoughtful design as well as technical sophistication.

CREATIVE ACTIVITY 4.11.9.2

Assistant Professor Soojin Kim was awarded a 2020-2021 CSU-AAUP University Research Grant for "Sugar Time," an illustrated limited edition handmade hardcover artist book with a case, and a virtual reality motion graphic animation for an interdisciplinary art exhibition. For this project, Associate Professor Soojin Kim is designing a new typeface that incorporates the aesthetic and practical associations of Korean popular and traditional culture. The typeface will incorporate a cohesive set of fonts for Korean and English languages. The book which will be hand-bound, will contain illustrations and historical narratives which are based on and added to earlier research for her "Sugar Time" interdisciplinary art installation. Woodblock, letterpress, and digital printing techniques will be used. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, she has not been able to exhibit her creative project in 2020. Currently, Assistant Professor Soojin Kim is Tao Water Art Gallery in Massachusetts where her solo show is planned to be exhibited in Summer 2021. Assistant Professor Soojin Kim was awarded AAUP MRR funds with Co-proposers Okon Hwang (Music), Kristen Morgan (Theatre), and David Pellegrini (Theatre) to create an interdisciplinary collaborative performance combining digital media art presentation with a piano recital.



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PRODUCTIVE SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY 4.11.9.3

Assistant Professor Kim serves the department by assisting with management of the digital design teaching studios by overseeing the status of digital equipment, supplies, and purchase requests. She also serves as the Art & Art History Department's meeting minute taker.


PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY 4.11.9.4

Assistant Professor Kim is a member of the international College Art Association. She is also a member of the Worcester Art Association and is represented by the Tao Water Gallery in West Barnstable, MA as a professional artist. Her responsibilities for the Tao Water Gallery include yearly solo exhibitions and participation in group exhibitions.

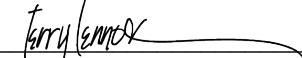
Sincerely,


4-15-21


Dr. Anne Dawson Date
DEC Chair/ Professor of Art History


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Tao Chen Date
Associate/Professor of Art


4/15/2021

Terry Jennox Date
Department Chair/Professor of Art


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Qimin Liu Date
Professor of Art