

June 15, 2011

Vermont Higher Education Council
P.O. Box 622
Proctor, Vermont 05765

Dear VHEC Committee,

Thank you for considering The Center for Cartoon Studies (CCS) application for degree granting renewal.

The site visit process was informative and insightful. The collegial conversations throughout the visit provided points for reflection, as well as opportunity for institution development. We are grateful for the team members' commitment not only of time, but also their willingness to extend their expertise and share knowledge.

As stated in the committee's report, "There is great clarity about the Center's mission and its commitment to 'providing the highest quality of education to students interested in creating visual stories.' ... The Center has had significant, visible, economic and cultural impact on the region." This speaks to The Center for Cartoon Studies' effectiveness in fulfilling our mission. Having no stated concerns in the report demonstrates the confidence in CCS leadership. CCS has matured into a formidable organization, with a destination program that continues to attract and educate the nation's top cartooning talent.

We hope the State of Vermont will also recognize the excellence of CCS's program and allow the school to continue to award degrees and certificates. CCS will continue to look for ways to improve and any suggestions or actions that VHEC advises will be duly considered and implemented.

I would also like to acknowledge the site review team's evaluation efforts. Everyone at CCS appreciates their good will, experience, and generosity.

All the best,



Michelle Ollie
CCS, President

