New college may be on the horizon

Media arts may move from College of Fine Arts to join journalism, communication

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When Michael Dues, head of the communication department, read the list of proposed mergers and reconstructions, he saw exactly what he wanted.

Not only was the department of communication spared from a merger, but it was also included in a proposal to create a new college focused on “communication, journalism, and the media.”

No immediate action will be taken to combine communication and journalism because President Pete Likins said too little is known about the complexities.

“You’re not going to have a president and a provost go into a dark room and come out with an idea,” he said.

However, Likins and Provost George Davis have asked the dean of Social and Behavioral Sciences to examine the viability of a new college with the help of faculty members from across campus.

“See everything as an opportunity for us to develop a cutting-edge curriculum, to do some very aggressive fundraising, and make this college one of the leaders in this area,” Likins said.

Although administrators focused mainly on communication and journalism as if you were reading it naturally.