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To: Provost Doug Baker
From: Mark E. Hoversten, Dean

RE: Proposal for Graduate Degree Name Change
    MS Architecture to MS Integrated Design

Rational for Name Change: MS in Architecture to MS in Integrated Design

This is a request to change degree name only. This degree is the academic, research degree for the College of Art and Architecture. It does not affect the professionally accredited degrees offered in the college. The renaming of the Master of Science in Architecture as the Master of Science in Integrated Design is the latest step in a long tradition in the College of Art and Architecture. The College was established in 1984 in order to provide a forum for the integration of architecture-related design degrees in a studio-based, professional educational experience. Following a period when it was combined with letters, arts, and social sciences, the College was re-established in 2005 so that integration of professional architecture and design could be preserved. Since then, the College has eliminated departmental structure with the same goal of integrating the learning environment.

This name change recognizes the integration of the curriculum across the areas of architecture, landscape architecture, interior design, art, and virtual technologies and helps prepare graduates for the complex architecturally-related design professions. The name change reflects the state of the art in the architectural professions. The term “Integrated Design” specifically addresses the integrated nature of architectural education that national and international employers now seek.

Any future refinements of the curriculum responding to changes in the professions over time would be proposed for change through the university’s curriculum process as provided in institutional policy. After careful evaluation of the CIP code for Architecture and Related Services (04), the CIP code will remain the same.

In August, 2012, the SBOE approved the MS in Integrated Design as a new program in the 5 year plan. After a careful review, it was determined no substantial changes would be made to the curriculum so a name change was more appropriate.

I fully endorse this proposal.

Sincerely,

Mark Elison Hoversten, FASLA, AICP
Dean