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PROGRAM REVISION APPROVAL FORM

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PROGRAM TITLE: Change from BFA-Design to BFA-Architecture

PLEASE CHECK: GRADUATE UNDERGRADUATE

DEPARTMENT: Art

HEAD/CHAIR: Ron Michaud

SCHOOL OR COLLEGE: Humanities and Fine Arts

DEAN: Joel Martin

Submission Date: 10/16/06

Proposed Starting Date: 9/1/07

I. PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT

A. Describe the Proposal.

The Architecture+Design program proposes changing the name of its undergraduate BFA major from "Design" to "Architecture"

B. Provide a brief overview of the process for developing the Proposal.

The proposal was approved unanimously by the interdisciplinary Architecture+Design program, which is based in the Art Department.

II. PURPOSE AND GOALS

Describe the Proposal's purpose and the particular knowledge and skills to be acquired.

The current BFA Design program has evolved into a pre-professional degree in architecture. The name change reflects its new mission. This program serves as 4 year component of the 4+2 professional Master of Architecture (which is scheduled for initial accreditation in 2007). This change would also enable our graduates to appropriately qualify for admission to other two year Master of Architecture programs where a 4 year degree in "Architecture" is a pre-requisite.

Virtually all 60 or so undergraduate pre-professional degrees in architecture in the United State, that are part of an accredited 4+2 Master of Architecture, include the word "Architecture". The most common are "BS Architecture", "BA Architecture" and "BFA Architecture". Schools offering "BFA Architecture" (as pre-professional degrees) include Parsons, Rhode Island School of Design, and the University of Memphis.

Concurrent with this change the program will drop the "Architectural Studies" subplan because it is redundant. We will retain the "Interior Design" subplan. Requirements for the new BFA Architecture with no subplan will be the same as the current BFA-Design, concentration in Architectural Studies. Requirements for the new BFA Architecture with Interior Design concentration will be the same as the current BFA-Design, concentration in Interior Design.

Undergraduate courses already use the ARCH-DES prefix (for Architecture + Design). No change is necessary.