SPECIAL REPORT

of the

GRADUATE COUNCIL

concerning a

PROGRAM NAME CHANGE:
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DESIGN
TO
MASTER OF DESIGN
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE

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The Academic Standards and Curriculum Committee (ASCC) met on November 4, 2015 and reviewed the proposal to change the program name – Master of Science in Design to Master of Design – in the Department of Architecture. The ASCC recommended this proposal for approval.

At its meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, the Graduate Council unanimously approved the program name change – Master of Science in Design to Master of Design – in the Department of Architecture, proposal #1999 in the Course and Curriculum Management System.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the Program Name Change: Master of Science in Design to Master in Design in the Department of Architecture, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 16-023.
The Department of Architecture proposes to change the name of the existing “Master of Science in Design” to “Master of Design.”

The reasons are simple: “Master of Design” has become the preferred term for post-professional design focused degrees such as ours.

Also, the most popular concentration within the program is historic preservation. “Master of Science in Design in Historic Preservation” is cumbersome. “Master of Design in Historic Preservation” is preferred.

The short name will also allow the department to more fluidly add more concentrations that align with the department’s research domains.

Universities that use “Master of Design” for degrees such as the one at UMass include:

- Carnegie Mellon University
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Washington
- University of Illinois
- Harvard University