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MEMORANDUM

TO: Leslie Feigenbaum, Assistant Dean for Student Services, College of Architecture

FROM: Forster Ndubisi, Department Head, Landscape Architecture & Urban Planning

Ward Wells, Department Head, Architecture

DATE: July 3, 2013

RE: Proposal for Dual Degree: MUP + M. Arch

Attached is a proposal for a dual degree program including a Master of Urban Planning (MUP) and a Master of Architecture (M.Arch). The proposal was developed by Shannon Van Zandt, Program Coordinator for the MUP and Marcel Erminy, Program Coordinator for the M.Arch, and has been reviewed by both department heads, as well as administrative assistants Thena Morris and Ginger White to ensure that all requirements for both programs along with university requirements for dual degree programs are met. It has also been circulated to program faculty for feedback.

We request that after college level review, this proposal be forwarded to the Academic Affairs committee for review and approval.

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- The two-degree masters programs will involve a formal development of the programs between the two colleges, departments, or programs involved.
- The two-degree masters programs must be approved by the dean of each of the colleges involved. The Dean of Graduate Studies will be the final approval authority for the two-degree programs. The program may be referred to the Graduate Council for discussion and comments.
- Students should declare their intentions to enroll in two-degree programs at the time of application to their graduate studies or early in their education process. This will ensure the maximum benefit from a two-degree program.
- All approved two-degree programs will be listed in a separate section, "Two-Degree Masters Programs", in the *Graduate Catalog* as well as in the individual college sections.

Procedural Issues:

- **Application:** A single application will be processed simultaneously by the two-degree programs.
- **Admission:** The applicant must be admitted by both programs to be a participant in the two-degree program. If once admitted and subsequently resigned from, or dropped by one of the degree programs, all requirements revert to those of the remaining department.
- **Degree plan:** Two degree plans, one for each program, will be submitted signed by a graduate advisory committee and the respective department heads or deans. Although the committees for each degree plan will have different chairs/co-chairs, the committee membership may be identical for both degrees.
- **Graduation:** Students will graduate simultaneously with both degrees.

**Proposal to Offer Two Masters Non-Thesis Degree Programs
as a Simultaneous Two-Degree Program**

We the undersigned propose to offer a two-degree master's program consisting of the following degrees:

1. The **Master of Urban Planning (MUP)** with a major in Urban Planning ; and
2. The **Master of Architecture (MARCH)** with a major in Architecture

It is understood that:

- The student will submit a separate degree plan for each of the two programs.
- A degree plan will carry a minimum of the number of hours required for the specific degree, except for those programs of 48 hours or more, which may be allowed to be reduced to 36 hours. For programs with a minimum of 30 hours (e.g., the MEN or MCS), the degree plan may carry a minimum of 30 hours. Any individual course may not appear on both degree plans.
- The committees for each degree plan will have different chairs/co-chairs. The complete committee membership may be identical for both degrees.
- The committees will conduct:
 - One joint final examination *or* Two separate examinations
- The student will have one cumulative GPR while pursuing the two-degree programs, but will have a separate degree plan GPR for each degree plan.

A detailed program description must be submitted with a proposal to offer a two-degree program.

For the Department of

Forster Nabawi

Department Head

Date

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Dean of College

Date

10/10/2013

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 Chair, Grad. Council Date

For the Department of

Architecture

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 Dean of Graduate Studies

Date

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TAMU COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE
MUP/MARCH Joint Degree Proposal
Revised May 2013

This is a proposal for a joint master's degree within the College of Architecture. Students receive two degrees, both in professionally accredited degrees in Urban Planning and Architecture.

The proposal curriculum is as follows; Course titles are provided on the table that follows this one:

First Year					
Fall		Spring		Summer	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
ARCH 605	6	ARCH 606	6	PLAN 684	1
ARCH 631	3	ARCH 633	3	PLAN 625	3
PLAN 610	3	PLAN 689 Site Plan	3		
Total	12	Total	12	Total	4
Second Year					
Fall		Spring		Summer	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
PLAN 604	3	PLAN 613	3		
PLAN 664	3	PLAN 640	1		
ARCH 638/9	3	ARCH 657	3		
Emphasis Elective	3	Emphasis Elective	3		
Total	12	Total	10	Total	
Third Year					
Fall		Spring		Summer	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
ARCH 607	6	PLAN 658	3		
ARCH 685	1	PLAN 693	1		
PLAN 662	3	ARCH 693	6		
Emphasis Elective	3				
Total	13	Total	10	Total	
TOTAL CREDITS	37		32		4

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The table below provides the curriculum from each program that is included in the joint degree requirements:

MUP	HRS	M.ARCH	HRS
PLAN 604 METHODS I	3	ARCH 605 STUDIO I	6
PLAN 613 METHODS II	3	ARCH 606 STUDIO II	6
PLAN 610 STRUCTURE & FUNCTION	3	ARCH 607 STUDIO III	6
PLAN 664 THEORY AND HISTORY	3	ARCH 631 ARCH. STRUCTURES	3
PLAN 640 LAW AND LEGISLATION	1	ARCH 633 ENVIRON. SYSTEMS	3
PLAN 658 PLAN IMPLEMENTATION	3	ARCH 638/9 ARCH HIST/THEORY	3
PLAN 662 APPLIED PLANNING I	3	ARCH 657 PROFESSIONAL PRACT	3
PLAN 625 GIS	3	ARCH 685 DIR STDY/FIN ST PROP	1
PLAN 689 SITE PLANNING	3	ARCH 693 FINAL STUDY	6
PLAN 684 INTERNSHIP	1		
PLAN 693 PROFESSIONAL STUDY	1		
EMPHASIS AREA COURSES	9		
TOTAL	36	TOTAL	37

The table below provides the full curriculum for each program if they were to be undertaken separately.

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PLAN 664 THEORY AND HISTORY	3	ARCH 631 ARCH. STRUCTURES	3
PLAN 640 LAW AND LEGISLATION	3	ARCH 633 ENVIRON. SYSTEMS	3
PLAN 658 PLAN IMPLEMENTATION	3	ARCH 638/639 ARCH THEORY	3
PLAN 662 APPLIED PLANNING I	3	ARCH 644/649 ARCH HISTORY	3
PLAN 663 APPLIED PLANNING II	3	ARCH 657 PROFESSIONAL PRACT	3
PLAN 684 INTERNSHIP	1	ARCH 685 FINAL STUDY	1
PLAN 693 PROFESSIONAL STUDY	2	ARCH 693 FINAL STUDY	6
EMPHASIS AREA COURSES	12	SPECIALIZED ELECTIVES	6
FREE ELECTIVES	9	FREE ELECTIVES	6
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