



MEMORANDUM



TO: President Edward T. Foote II

FROM: Dr. William J. Whelan *WJW/wh*  
Chair, Faculty Senate

DATE: May 4, 1993

SUBJECT: Faculty Senate Legislation #92023(B) -  
Title Approval of the Center for Urban and Community Design

The Faculty Senate, at its meeting of April 26, 1993, voted to approve Faculty Senate Legislation #92023(B) - Title Approval of the Center for Urban and Community Design, in accordance with requirements of Bylaw 5.6 of the new *Faculty Manual*.

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.

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cc: Provost Luis Glaser  
Dean Roger Schluntz

CAPSULE: Faculty Senate Legislation #92023(B) -  
Title Approval of the Center for Urban and Community Design

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RESPONSE BY THE PRESIDENT:

DATE: 5/15/93

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EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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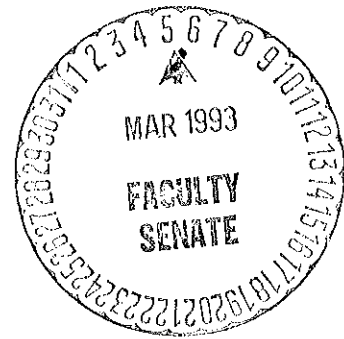
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Executive Vice President and Provost

**MEMORANDUM**

March 5, 1993

**TO:** Dr. William Whelan  
Chairman, Faculty Senate

**FROM:** Luis Glaser  
Executive Vice President  
and Provost

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Luis Glaser".

**SUBJECT:** Center for Urban and Community Design/School of Architecture

The School of Architecture has voted to set up a Center for Urban and Community design. It is my understanding that the naming of centers needs the approval of the Senate, and I am therefore enclosing a copy of the proposal sent to me by the School of Architecture for such approval.

The proposal has my enthusiastic endorsement, and Dean Schluntz and/or the senator from the School of Architecture, Professor Lopez-Gattardi, would be glad to present this matter to the Senate when appropriate.

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Enclosure

**cc:** President Edward T. Foote II  
Dean Roger Schluntz

CENTER FOR URBAN AND COMMUNITY DESIGN

A PROPOSAL BY:

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE  
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

Roger L. Schluntz, AIA; Dean  
February 1, 1993

## OVERVIEW & PURPOSE:

The faculty of the School of Architecture has endorsed and recommended the establishment of the Center for Urban and Community Design, to be directed initially by Professor Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk. The Center builds upon the numerous and diverse past activities of faculty and students, including the community projects and design *charrettes* following Hurricane Andrew. The Center will encourage and provide critical linkage, coordination and support for a variety of efforts that respond to issues, opportunities and dilemmas confronting municipalities, neighborhood groups, and public agencies.

The envisioned Center is as much a *concept* as a *physical place*. While some of the activities will be based in the confines of the Center's studio and offices, the intention is to broadly organize and support relevant but diverse projects and studies that may also occur in upper division and graduate courses, the Suburb and Town Design Program, the Computer Laboratory, and with individual faculty research initiatives. As such, the Center will provide the University and School an effective means for directing and otherwise coordinating a multitude of activities related to the broader public interest in matters of community design, neighborhood development and affordable housing.

## OPERATIONS

A ten person Advisory Council will be established and will provide a broad perspective in the refinement of the continuously evolving mission for the Center. The Council will be representative of academic, governmental, and neighborhood groups and will serve to assist in knitting together diverse activities such that the public interest will be best served.

The Director of the Center will report directly to the Dean of the School of Architecture and coordinate efforts of both the professional degree program in architecture and the graduate Suburb and Town Design Program. This position will be based on a twelve month appointment with the expectation of a 50% academic/teaching responsibility.

Graduate assistants, secretarial support, and research staff will be dependent on funding from specific grants and sponsored projects. The Center will also seek endowment support to underwrite both its basic operations and a commitment to support those projects that will directly assist and serve low-income groups and impacted neighborhoods.

Of particular interest is the establishment of "partnerships" with specific public agencies and with other Florida area universities. It is our intention, in so far as practicable, to work *with*, rather than *for*, governmental entities.

The Center will encourage the direct participation of faculty from other Colleges and Schools at the University of Miami. Addressing critical issues will frequently require multi-disciplinary resources that are available from other academic departments and programs external to the University of Miami.

## OBJECTIVES

Most of the activities of the envisioned Center for Urban and Community Design will respond to one or more of the following five objectives:

- (1) Develop and manage a resource and data base of previous and current affordable housing initiatives and urban planning and design efforts (plans, report, and studies).
- (2) Provide service as an information clearing-house for scholars, agencies, communities, neighborhood groups, and other similar centers in the United States.
- (3) Provide assistance for the development of specific programmatic, planning and design guidelines and alternative design concepts for municipalities and other public agencies.

- (4) Develop a public education agenda regarding community and urban design; in three specific areas:
- (A) Public awareness and understanding of urban design issues,
  - (B) Instructional materials, and
  - (C) Theoretical models and strategies for urban and civic design.

In meeting these objectives, the following outcomes will result:

- A mechanism in which the resources of the University of Miami are linked and made accessible to the community in exploring questions of mutual interest regarding the urban environment will be provided.
- Faculty initiatives in the research and study of urban design and affordable housing issues will be encouraged, supported and facilitated.
- Students will be given the opportunity to actively participate in studies and projects that directly or indirectly impact the quality of the urban realm.
- The number and frequency of grants and sponsored projects intended to enhance the understanding and theory of urban design will be increased.
- The necessary institutional framework will be established such that the research and service missions of the School of Architecture will directly benefit the educational mission.

The Center for Urban and Community Design will also serve to promote cooperation among the diverse public and private sectors that impact the quality of the built environment in South Florida. As a "facilitator in common," the Center's focus will be concerned with policies that can or should effect neighborhoods and communities. In this regard, the activities of the Center will necessarily be multi-disciplined and will be primarily applied, rather than academic, in its research interests.

#### IMMEDIATE PROSPECTS:

Following in the wake of Hurricane Andrew, the faculty of the School of Architecture directed or participated in a number of activities for which additional assistance has been requested or discussed. These include:

- Dade County School Board  
Study to link the rebuilding of Caribbean School with other community services, affordable multi-family housing, and public open space. (Plater-Zyberk)
- Dade County Historic Preservation Office  
Assessment, documentation, and study to provide the basis for a South Florida area-wide preservation plan. (Ceo)
- Florida City  
Preliminary alternatives and strategies for agri-worker housing. (Behar, Duany, et al.)
- We Will Rebuild  
Analysis and programmatic basis for a South Florida Agriculture Research Center and Park. (Ceo)



- We Will Rebuild/Knight Foundation

Proposals for establishing guidelines for as many as 28 "public greens" to serve as focal points for communities.  
(Hernandez, et al.)

Also under consideration are the following:

- National Endowment for the Arts/Design Arts Program

The University of Miami School of Architecture has been invited to respond to a limited invitation (RFP) to prepare and conduct one of the four annual regional Institutes for U.S. Mayors on City Design. (Three-year, renewable contract.)

- Local Foundations

Preliminary discussions indicate serious interest in underwriting and otherwise supporting a Center as described in this proposal.

If these or similar commitments are provided to the University, it is imperative that an institutional infrastructure, such as envisioned for the Center for Urban and Community Design, is operational.

In its outreach/service efforts, the Center will:

- (A) Support (and encourage) grants of various types and interests relevant to urban and community design.
- (B) Allow and encourage faculty participation from a broad range of disciplines.
- (C) Provide community and agency "access" to the resources of the University.
- (D) Facilitate the work and projects undertaken while also providing a means to insure quality control.

#### OTHER CENTERS AND UNIVERSITIES

Throughout the country a limited number of similar centers have been instituted in schools of architecture and planning. these vary considerably in scope, funding, and specific purpose; but each is intended to directly and indirectly effect positive change in the quality of the urban and built environment. These include:

- (1) UCLA (Urban Innovations Group)
- (2) University of Minnesota (Design Center for the American Urban Landscape)
- (3) Arizona State University (Joint ASU/City of Phoenix Urban Design Center)
- (4) SUNY - Buffalo
- (5) University of Cincinnati
- (6) Kent State (Urban Design Center of Northeastern Ohio)
- (7) Pratt (Pratt Institute Center for Community and Environmental Development)
- (8) Tulane
- (9) University of South Florida (Tampa)

- (10) U.C. Berkeley
- (11) M.I.T.
- (12) University of Pennsylvania (Center for Greater Philadelphia)

In at least three instances (UCLA, Pratt, and Tulane) the centers also provide architectural services to low-income groups. This type of activity is not intended for the proposed center at the University of Miami.

It is the expectation of this faculty that formal and informal relationships would be developed with these and other institutions. The opportunities for shared resources, knowledge, and visiting researchers will serve directly the communities served and the interests of the University of Miami.

#### SUMMARY

The Center for Urban and Community Design will bring the multiple urban and civic design talent assembled in the School of Architecture and the University together with other expertise and groups in addressing the challenges and opportunities facing the communities which form our context. Although community based service and research is a major product of that interaction, it will only be a part. The balance will be the academic growth and professional growth of students and faculty of the University of Miami.

### Center for Urban and Community Design

Dr. Johnson presented an overview of the proposed Center for Urban and Community Design. Dean Roger Schluntz spoke of the value of the proposed Center to the School of Architecture. It was *moved* and seconded to accept the proposal to approve the Center's name. The *motion carried unanimously*. Dr. Whelan mentioned that, with the large number of centers and institutes in existence, the next Senate might undertake a periodic review to determine the current status of each.

### McLamore Award Selection Committee

Dr. Whelan requested a formal vote on the Committee on General Welfare being the body which recommends the recipient of the James W. McLamore Award. The *motion carried*.

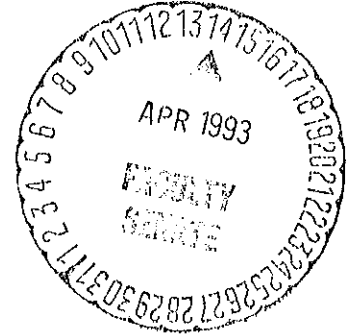
At 7:30 p.m. the Senate recessed to May 10 to complete the remainder of the agenda.



Barbara L. Hoadley  
Secretary of the Faculty Senate



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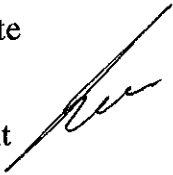


Executive Vice President and Provost

MEMORANDUM

April 14, 1993

TO: Dr. William Whelan  
Chairman, Faculty Senate

FROM: Luis Glaser  
Executive Vice President  
and Provost 

SUBJECT: Center for Urban and Community Design

My reading of the *Faculty Manual* is that this falls into the category of Item 5.6, an institute or sponsored center on which the Faculty Senate has to approve the name, since this is sponsored in this case by the School of Architecture. This certainly is not an item that falls in the category of Item 5.5, an independent center, and there is no intent of it being independent.

Nevertheless, given this confusion and the time of the year, I suggest that we do not present it to the Senate on April 26, but do so at the first meeting in the fall.

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cc: President Edward T. Foote II  
Dean Roger Schluntz  
Professor Thomas Lopez-Gottardi

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Center for Urban  
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When this course was  
on 4/26, we were  
the Dean of the School and/or  
thereover is promoting this Center.  
Please check w/June who  
should be invited. We  
want to give them a tour  
of the Center.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Provost Luis Glaser

From: William J. Whelan *WJW/wh*  
Chair, Faculty Senate

Subject: Center for Urban and Community Design

Date: March 10, 1993

We have received your March 5 proposal to approve the above-titled Center. The evaluation has been delegated to Vice Chair Josephine Johnson who will present the recommendation of the Senate's Advisory Council to the Senate at its meeting on April 26.

WJW/ca

cc: President Edward T. Foote II  
Dean Roger L. Schluntz  
Professor Josephine Johnson  
Professor Thomas Lopez-Gottardi