



MEMORANDUM

To: Donna E. Shalala, President

From: Richard L. Williamson
Chair, Faculty Senate

Date: April 21, 2011

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2010-16(B) – Name Change of the *Master of Architecture in Research* to the *Master of Science in Architecture*; the degree would have two “tracks”, the existing one in “Research”, and a new one in “Design”.

On April 20, 2011, the Senate voted unanimously to change the name of the Master of Architecture in Research to the *Master of Science in Architecture*. The degree would have two “tracks”, the existing one in “Research”, and a new one in “Design”. This change was necessary because of a new requirement (effective fall 2011) of the National Architecture Accreditation Board (NAAB) that the Master of Architecture degree name be reserved for the professional track.

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.

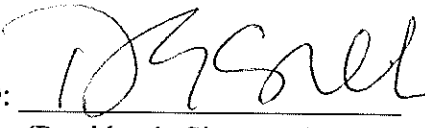
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Enclosure (proposal)

cc: Thomas LeBlanc, Executive Vice President and Provost
Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk, Dean, School of Architecture
Jean-Francois Lejeune, Professor and Director, Graduate Studies, School of Architecture
Carie Penabad, Associate Professor, School of Architecture

CAPSULE: Faculty Senate Legislation #2010-16(B) – Name Change of the *Master of Architecture in Research* to the *Master of Science in Architecture*; the degree would have two “tracks”, the existing one in “Research”, and a new one in “Design”.

PRESIDENT’S RESPONSE

APPROVED:  DATE: 4/21/11
(President’s Signature)

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: DEAN PLATER-ZYBERK

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: IMMEDIATELY
(if other than June 1 next following)

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: _____

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): _____

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To: Terri A. Scandura
Dean, Graduate School

From: Jean-François Lejeune
Director, Graduate Studies

February 8, 2011

Re: Program Name Change

This is to request the approval to change the name of the Master of Architecture in Research to the Master of Science in Architecture (Track "Research"). In accordance with the School of Architecture bylaws, this request has been approved by the General Assembly of the School and by the School's Council.

Sincerely,

Jean-François Lejeune
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To: Terri A. Scandura
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From: Jean-François Lejeune
Director, Graduate Studies

February 8, 2011

Re: New Track

This is to request the approval of a new track for the Master of Science in Architecture. The request to add a track "Design" to the pre-existing track "Research" has been approved by the by the General Assembly of the School and the School's Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Lejeune', written over a horizontal line.

Jean-François Lejeune
Director, Graduate Studies

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE

FROM: JEAN-FRANCOIS LEJEUNE
DIRECTOR, GRADUATE STUDIES

TO: SCHOOL'S COUNCIL

RE: POST-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM IN ARCHITECTURE

1. This proposal aims at:

- Respond to the new National Architecture Accreditation Board (NAAB) requirements that the Master of Architecture degree name be reserved for the professional track (starting in the Fall of 2011).

Proposal:

- Change the name of our existing Post-professional track (Master of Architecture in Research) to the new *Master of Science in Architecture*. The new name corresponds to the name adopted by most of our peer institutions.

2. This proposal aims at:

- Revitalizing and expanding our existing but stagnant Post-professional track (Master of Architecture in Research, average one student/per year) by targeting a large range of national and international students who already have a Professional degree in architecture.

Proposal:

- Create a new 36-credit 3-semester track to be called *Design* in order to interest a larger students' market. The revised program will offer a critical environment to investigate issues of design in relation to a series of important issues for the 21st century in which the University of Miami faculty has developed or is developing a recognized expertise.
- Maintain the 36-credit 3-semester *Research* track and develop a strategy for attracting more students. Marketing for the two tracks will be done in parallel.

**UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE
FACULTY AND STAFF [GENERAL ASSEMBLY] RETREAT MINUTES
Friday, January 14, 2011
8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Newman Alumni Center**

Master of Science in Architecture: Second Reading and Vote (see attachment) – J.F. Lejeune

- Track A: Master of Science in Architecture Design with concentration on design, likely audience: international students
- Track B: Master of Science in Architecture with concentration on research, likely audience: U.S. and international students
- Discussion followed regarding Master of Science in Architecture research with suggestions of adding teaching seminar. Track A is clear. Track B will be discussed again.
- Motion to approve Master of Science in Architecture and to forward to Graduate Council by Joanna Lombard. Seconded by R. Ceo. Motion approved unanimously

**UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Friday, January 14, 2011
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

- II. Master of Science in Architecture (see attached description) Second Reading and Vote
- A. Track A with design emphasis will target international audience
 - B. Track B with research emphasis will target U.S. and international students
 - C. Motion to approve Master of Science in Architecture as the new degree name for the existing Master of Architecture post-professional degree, and forward proposal to Graduate Council by J. Hernandez. Seconded by J. Hochstim. All in favor. None opposed.

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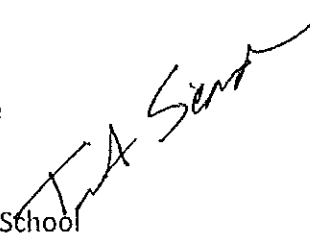
MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 4, 2011

TO: Richard Williamson
Chair, Faculty Senate

FROM: Terri A. Scandura
Dean, The Graduate School

SUBJECT: Degree and Program Name Change for Architecture



The School of Architecture has submitted a request to change the degree name from Master of Architecture in Research to Master of Science in Architecture (track "Research") and also to add a new track "Design." On February 17, 2011, the Graduate Council unanimously approved the request to change the degree name to Master of Science in Architecture (track "Research") as well as the creation of the "Design" track.

cc: Jean-Francois Lejeune, Director, Graduate Studies
Office of Planning, Institutional Research and Assessment

APPENDIX 1

Comparison with other programs

Cornell new Post Professional *Master of Architecture*

42 credits (Summer/Fall/Spring)

Final project (thesis-like) for 9 credits in the Spring

Five tracks of focus: A + U , A + Ecology, A + Technology, A + Discourse, A + Media

Tulane University Post Professional *Master of Architecture*

30 credits organized around thesis idea (Fall/Spring)

Studio options in fall / Thesis Studio in spring

University of Virginia Post Professional *Master of Architecture III*

30 credits minimum (Fall/Spring) – 9 credits studio + seminar

(possibility of certificate in Historic Preservation and other options)

University of California Post Professional *Master of Architecture*

48 credits (3 semesters)

Advanced studios and seminar + thesis

Possibility of doing a Certificate (H.Pres. / landscape / building studies / etc.)

Possibility of combining MA with MUD or Planning

University of Washington Post Professional *Master of Architecture*

45 credits (2 or 2.5 semesters) including 9 credits thesis

Syracuse University *Master of Architecture II Research*

30 credits (2 semesters) including a thesis or final research project

Columbia University *Master of Science in Advanced Architectural Design*

45 credits (Summer/Fall/Spring) – 3 design studios (some required)

University of Michigan *Master of Science in Design Research or Design Studies/History-Theory*

30 credits with or without studio (2 semester) – project thesis (design) or written thesis (research)

Georgia Tech *Master of Science with Major in Architecture*

30 credits (Fall/Spring)

Specialized tracks (architecture, digital design, health and design, urban design)

APPENDIX 2

Proposed Track A: Master of Science in Architectural Design

<u>FALL (15 credits)</u>	
Graduate studio I (Faculty + Visiting Critics)	6
ARC 500 Graduate Seminar – Theory of Architecture and the Environment	3
Elective 1	3
Elective 2	3
<u>SPRING (15 credits)</u>	
Graduate studio (Faculty + Visiting Critics)	6
Contemporary urban theory (ARC 623)	3
Research & Writing Methods in Architecture	3
Elective 3	3
<u>FALL (6 credits)</u>	
Final thesis project	6

Proposed Track B: Master of Science in Architecture Studies/Research

<u>FALL (15 credits)</u>	
Advanced graduate studio (Faculty + Visiting Critics)	6
ARC 500 Graduate Seminar – Theory of Architecture and the Environment	3
Elective 1	3
Elective 2	3
<u>SPRING (12 credits)</u>	
Research & Writing Methods in Architecture	3
Elective 3	3
Elective 4	3
Elective 5	3
<u>FALL (9 credits)</u>	
Final thesis project (written research)	6
Elective 5	3

National Architectural Accrediting Board, Inc.

August 20, 2010

**EXPLANATORY NOTE: NON-ACCREDITED, POST-PROFESSIONAL DEGREE
 NOMENCLATURE**



On February 20, 2010, the National Architectural Accrediting Board discussed the nomenclature or titling of non-accredited, post-professional degrees offered by institutions with NAAB-accredited degree programs. The principle concern is those post-professional, non-accredited degree programs that are titled "Master of Architecture" or M. Arch.

At that meeting, the NAAB approved a resolution (attached) that in effect would make this practice a violation of Condition II.2.2. Professional Degrees and Curriculum. The Board went on to request that the resolution and intended action be reviewed by counsel in order to ensure that any antitrust matters would be addressed. That review has been completed and a copy of the memorandum from our attorney is attached.

In general terms, as a result of this action and review by counsel, the NAAB has determined that beginning with visits scheduled for 2012, a visiting team may consider Condition II.2.2, Not Met if an institution with a NAAB-accredited degree also uses the same degree title(s) for a non-accredited, post-professional degree program and has not yet initiated a plan for making a change.

This change will be made permanent in the next edition of *The NAAB Conditions for Accreditation*, currently scheduled for release in 2014. Programs will have until June 30, 2018 to initiate their processes for changing the titles of any non-accredited, post-professional degree programs.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the NAAB at 202.783.2007 or by email at forum@naab.org.

Attachments

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Memorandum

To: Andrea Rutledge, Executive Director, National Architectural Accrediting Board
From: Geoffrey Davis
Date: April 9, 2010
Re: Titling of Degrees in Architecture

You have asked us to review a proposed policy of the National Architectural Accrediting Board ("NAAB") in the context of federal antitrust laws.¹ Specifically, NAAB proposes to require all institutions with NAAB-accredited programs to use degree titles *B.Arch*, *M.Arch*, and *D.Arch* exclusively for NAAB-accredited programs. Institutions would not be permitted to use these titles for degrees received in a program not accredited by NAAB. A copy of NAAB's resolution adopting the policy is attached as Exhibit A. We refer to this policy as the "Degree Title Policy."

By letter dated January 25, 2008, we provided NAAB with advice regarding federal antitrust laws in the context of a proposed NAAB policy in which institutions seeking accreditation would be charged a higher price if they were not members of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture. In that letter, we advised caution due to the risks of price discrimination when a group of competitors form trade associations.

The Degree Title Policy is different from the policy that we evaluated in our January 25, 2008, letter on a number of levels. The combination of these differences leads us to the conclusion that there is a low risk of antitrust liability for NAAB when adopting the Degree Title Policy.

First, the Degree Title Policy does not discriminate among institutions offering architectural degrees. The policy applies to all institutions that have NAAB-accredited programs. Equally important is the fact that the policy does not apply to institutions that have no NAAB-accredited programs. Thus the Degree Title Policy does not pose a significant barrier to entry into the market.

Second, the Degree Title Policy is substantively and primarily non-commercial in nature. Federal courts consistently give deference to accrediting bodies when setting accreditation and

¹ Please note that we have only researched the federal antitrust laws. We did not evaluate potentially applicable state competition laws. Federal antitrust laws generally do not preempt state laws, thus there may be specific state laws that, when applied, would prohibit certain activities that are permitted under federal law. See ABA Section of Antitrust Law, *Antitrust Law Developments* at 632-33 (6th ed. 2007).



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membership policies because of the non-commercial nature of these policies.² The courts have said that, in the absence of intent to affect the commercial aspects of a profession, accreditation policies are not commercial in nature and that any commercial effect is merely incidental to the public benefit conferred by the accrediting body's actions. As non-commercial action, such policies do not fall within the ambit of the antitrust laws.

In summary, the risk of antitrust liability to NAAB in adopting the Degree Title Policy is minimal given its uniform application and non-commercial nature.

² See, e.g., *Marjorie Webster Junior Coll., Inc. v. Middle States Ass'n of Colls. & Secondary Schs., Inc.*, 432 F.2d 650 (D.C. Cir. 1970); *Found. for Interior Design Educ. Research v. Savannah Coll. of Art & Design*, 73 F. Supp. 2d 829 (W.D. Mich. 1999).