School of Graduate Studies

University of Toronto

December 1, 2003

Professor Carolyn Tuohy
Vice-President and Associate Provost
Room 206, Simcoe Hall
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Dear Professor Tuohy:

At its meeting of November 25, 2003, the Council of the School of Graduate Studies approved the following motion:

> **THAT** SGS Council approve the proposal of the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design to change the degree requirements of the Master of Architecture (M.Arch.), Master of Landscape Architecture (M.L.A.) and the Master of Urban Design (M.U.D.) Programs, as detailed in the attachments, effective September, 2004.

The motion sheet and supporting documentation are attached. Division II Executive Committee approved the proposal on November 5, 2003.

On behalf of the Council of the School of Graduate Studies, I am presenting this item to Governing Council committees, for information or approval, as appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Alderdice
Secretary to SGS Council
and Coordinator of Policy, Program and Liaison

Encl.
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c.c.   J. Cherry
         A. Drummond (with attachments)
         C. Johnston
         V. Makarovska
         L. Richards
         S. Zaky (with attachments)

H:Council/FollowUp/2003-2004/Nov 25/Architecture Program Requirement Change

Motion

School of Graduate Studies Council
Tuesday, November 25, 2003

Item 7.

Proposals to change program requirements:

7.1: Architecture

MOTION (/   ) THAT SGS Council approve the proposal of the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design to change the degree requirements of the Master of Architecture (M.Arch.), Master of Landscape Architecture (M.L.A.) and the Master of Urban Design (M.U.D.) Programs, as detailed in the attachments, effective September, 2004.

See proposal attached.

NOTE:

Division II Executive Committee approved this proposal at its meeting of November 5, 2003.

With SGS Council approval, this item will go to Governing Council committees for approval or for information, as appropriate.

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October 30, 2003

Professor Joan Cherry
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Re: proposed calendar changes.

Dear Prof. Cherry,

The Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design asks Division II Executive Committee to consider the following three calendar changes:

1) Full-time study:

All students in the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design are required to study full time, taking all required courses in each semester.

Rationale: Coursework in all 3 programs at a,l&d is designed to be taken in a sequential and integrated manner as demonstrated in the 4th semester comprehensive design studio where concurrent courses in building and mechanical systems are required to succeed in the design studio. We do not support a part-time studies program.

2) Academic standing:

A B- grade in two design studio courses or B- in any three courses will normally result in a recommendation to the School of Graduate Studies to terminate the student's candidacy for the degree program.

Rationale: to maintain a high standard in our graduating students.

3) Thesis defense and time to complete degree in the M.Arch:

The program is normally expected to be completed in 3.5 years (7 sessions). The defense of the thesis (ARC 4018Y) will take place early in January following the final session of course work. The Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design will submit degree recommendations to SGS before the end of January. The time limit to complete the M.Arch degree requirements is 6 years.

Rationale: Comparable architecture programs at Harvard, Princeton and Columbia dedicate a post-Christmas break period to the public defense of theses completed in the Fall term.
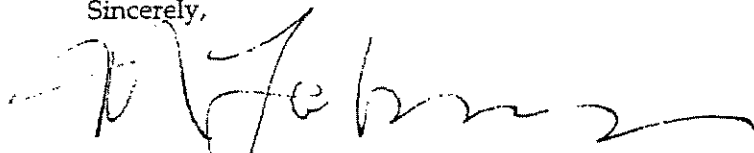
Time to complete the M.L.A.:

The program is normally expected to be completed in 3 years. The time limit to complete the M.L.A. degree requirements is 6 years.

Time to complete the M.U.D.

The program is normally expected to be completed in 2 years. The time limit to complete the M.U.D. degree requirements is 5 years.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Lobsinger
Coordinator of Graduate Studies and Research.

Architecture, Landscape, and Design

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Degree of Master of Architecture

Program Requirements
Students study full-time, taking all required courses in each given session. Students ~~are required to~~must take a total of 17.5 full-course equivalents (FCE): 15.0 are in core courses and 2.5 are in electives. Within the elective requirements 1.0 FCE must be in the History and Theory stream. A B- grade in two design studio courses or a B- grade in any three courses will normally result in a recommendation to the School of Graduate Studies to terminate the student's candidacy for the degree program. The M.Arch program is normally expected to be completed in 7 sessions (3.5 years); however, it should be noted that the time limit to complete the degree requirements is 6 years. The defense of the thesis (ARC 4018Y) will take place early in January following the final session of course work. The Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design will submit degree recommendations to SGS before the end of January.

~~If undertaken on a part-time basis, the time limit is 6 years.~~ There is no language requirement for this program other than proficiency in English. Writing support is integrated into the program in order to develop specialized skills in writing which are essential to effective learning and communication in the design fields.

Degree of Master of Landscape Architecture

Program Requirements
Students study full-time, taking all required courses in each given session. Students must ~~Students are required to~~ take a total of 15.5 full-course equivalents (FCE): 13.5 are in core courses and 2.0 are in electives. Within the elective requirements, 1.0 FCE must be in courses offered by the Faculty. The remaining 1.0 FCE will be taken in other academic divisions of the University. A B- grade in two design studio courses or a B- grade in any three courses will normally result in a recommendation to the School of Graduate Studies to terminate the student's candidacy for the degree program. The M.L.A. program is completed in 3 years; however, it should be noted that the time limit to complete the degree requirements is 6 years.

~~If undertaken on a part-time basis, the time limit is 6 years.~~ Writing support is integrated into the program in order to develop specialized skills in writing which are essential to effective learning and communication in the design fields.

Degree of Master of Urban Design

Program Requirements
Students study full-time, taking all required courses in each given session. Students must ~~Students are required to~~ take a total of 10.0 full-course equivalents (FCE): 5.0 FCE are in core courses including option studios, 2.0 are in thesis, and 3.0 are in electives. Two of the elective courses are to be selected from offerings in the History, Theory, and Criticism category. A B- grade in two design studio courses or a B- grade in any three courses will normally result in a recommendation to the School of Graduate Studies to terminate the student's candidacy for the degree program. The M.U.D. program is normally expected to be completed in 2 years; however, it should be noted that the time limit to complete the degree requirements is 5 years. ~~If undertaken on a part-time basis, the time limit is 6 years.~~

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