



TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: 5

ITEM IDENTIFICATION: John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design (FALD) and the Faculty of Arts and Science (FAS): Proposal to transfer of the Honours Bachelor of Arts, Architectural Studies, Major program from the Faculty of Arts and Science to the John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Planning and Budget Committee advises the Academic Board on the planning and resource implications of plans and proposals to establish disestablish or significantly restructure academic programs.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN: na

HIGHLIGHTS:

The attached proposal concerns the transfer of the Honours BA, Architectural Studies, from the Faculty of Arts and Science to the John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design, effective September 1, 2012. The program will be transferred without any change to curriculum or degree requirements. There will be no transfer of faculty or staff between the two divisions. The Daniels FALD currently delivers all courses required for the major in Architectural Studies and supports the program with administrative staff and an academic program director.

This proposal to relocate the BA, Architectural Studies in the Daniels FALD is the result of a natural progression in the program's history. The Daniels FALD has been instrumental in the conception, course content creation and delivery of the BA, Architectural Studies continuously over the past decade. As noted in the 2008 external review of the Daniels FALD, "undergraduate students constitute approximately 40% of current enrolments in courses taught by the Daniels faculty – a substantial component of the Faculty's activities". This continuing focus of the Daniels FALD on the BA, Architectural Studies is underscored by the following:

- a. All listed program faculty hold primary academic appointments at the Daniels FALD
- b. Student enquiries are directed primarily to the Daniels FALD
- c. Upper year students tend to identify primarily with the Daniels FALD

The transfer of the program to the Daniels FALD is an expression of the Faculty's commitment to the education of students from undergraduate through graduate studies. The transfer will bring undergraduate students more formally into the administrative and cultural space with which they already identify. The transfer will have the added advantage of placing the small BA, Architectural Studies program into a Faculty that will be able to provide student support services in a more directed manner, thus contributing to an enhanced student experience.

This proposal has been the subject of extensive consultation at the program level and with students including both the BA Architectural Studies Student Society and all the BA Architectural Studies undergraduate students, as well as current FAS students who form the prospective pool of BA Architectural Studies students. The proposal was unanimously approved by the Daniels Faculty Council on February 28, 2011 and by the FAS Council on March 7, 2011.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS: There are no new/additional financial resources at the University-level required to support the transfer of the program.

Effective May 1, 2012 operating grants, tuition revenue and university-wide costs, including centrally-funded student aid will be assigned to FALD in accordance with the University's budget model. Oversight of the student access guarantee will reside with the Daniels FALD. A Letter of Intent has been formalized between the two Faculties outlining the principles underlying the interdivisional arrangement ensuring that students will continue to have access to courses and programs offered by the FAS in order to complete their degree requirements and/or a second major. There are no implications for faculty members or staff that will result from this proposal.

As outlined in the proposal, students in progress in the current undergraduate program at the time of the transfer will be given the option to complete their studies in FAS, or move to the Daniels FALD. There will be no impact on their program requirements or the type of degree conferred regardless of their home Faculty. All students will be able to complete their program, including completion of any other FAS major or specialist in which they are enrolled. Students will be provided advising from both the FAS and the Daniels FALD. It is proposed that students would apply directly to the Daniels Faculty in the fall of 2011 for admission to the B.A. Architectural Studies for September 2012.

This proposal is also being brought forward to the Committee on Academic Policy and Planning on April 5, 2010 and subsequently to Academic Board and the Executive Committee of the Governing Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

Be It Recommended to the Academic Board:

THAT the transfer of the Honours Bachelor of Arts, Architecture Studies Major Program from the Faculty of Arts and Science to the John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design be approved effective September 1, 2012.