

April 3, 2003

David W. Pershing
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
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Campus

RE: Proposal to Change Name of the Graduate School of Architecture
to the College of Architecture and Planning

Dear Vice President Pershing:

At its meeting on March 31, 2003, the Graduate Council voted to approve a proposal to change the name of the Graduate School of Architecture to the College of Architecture and Planning.

A copy of the proposal is attached for your approval and transmittal to the Academic Senate.

Sincerely,

David S. Chapman
Associate Vice President for
Graduate Studies
Dean, The Graduate School

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XC: Brenda C. Sheer, Dean, Graduate School of Architecture
John G. Francis, Assoc. V.P. for Undergraduate Studies

Name Change Request for the Graduate School of Architecture

1. **Request:** The Graduate School of Architecture proposes to change its name to the "College of Architecture and Planning". The college name change is proposed with support from the administrative leadership, in addition to unanimous support by the GSA Council. Key alumni, students, and auxiliary faculty in architecture and urban planning were also consulted.
2. **Need:** This name change is proposed because the title "Graduate School of Architecture" does not reflect the reality of our degree or program offerings. For the past dozen years the School has offered the Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies, as a pre-professional degree to be taken before the accredited professional degree, Master of Architecture. Moreover, an important part of our mission is to provide general design education to university students. As a result of this, over 40% of our credit hour product is in service courses to the university.

Importantly, the new name also indicates our broadening mission, which will include the offering of a Bachelor of Science in Urban Planning beginning in 2003-04 and the future development of a graduate urban planning degree.
3. **Institutional Impact:** The proposed change in name will have no impact on enrollments, administrative structures, or physical facilities and equipment.
4. **Costs:** No cost changes are expected due to change in name.
5. **Practice Elsewhere:** Our key desire was to be unambiguous about our mission and to be flexible for the future. "College of Architecture and Planning" is a flexible designation for a design college, since it serves in other places as an umbrella for many kinds of degree offerings including architecture, environmental design, planning, urban design, landscape, interior design and digital design. There are three other colleges with this exact designation, including Ball State, Michigan, and U Colorado. Some colleges are named "School of Architecture and Planning," including MIT, Milwaukee, and SUNY Buffalo.
6. **Changes, if any, in precise names of degrees offered:** There will be no change in the names of the degrees we offer.
7. **Changes, if any, in catalogue descriptions, course designations, etc.:** The only changes would be in the unit title, as all prefixes and designations, including our email domain, are "arch". The urban planning program will also appear in the catalogue under the new college name, with its own URBPL course designations retained.