Minutes of Meeting: Master of Science Committee

Date: 11.4.13
Time: 10:00 – 11:00 AM
Present: Ots, Chair; White; R. Lumpkin

The meeting was called to continue the discussion regarding the FM MS program with Ron Lumpkin.

Action Items from previous meeting:

1. Continued discussion regarding the charge of the committee.
2. Review of the history of the development of the B.S. and M.S. with Lumpkin

1. The Charge:

The following was the consensus of the committee regarding the charge:

1) Does the curriculum demonstrate an effective use of the SOA and SBI classes?
   a. Wrong question.
2) Does the curriculum provide a valuable supplement to the SOA 4 year grads?
   a. Yes
3) Are changes needed to the MS program’s ARC classes?
   a. Yes, probably. The changes to be determined after further analysis. A dedicated single design studio seems to be warranted.
4) Are changes needed to the MS program’s SBI and CET classes?
   a. To determine if changes are needed it will require the participation of the SBI and CET faculty teaching those courses. Currently no detailed course information is available to the committee. There needs to be a curriculum review session with representatives from all three programs participating.

2. Briefing by Ron Lumpkin

Ron provided the committee with the IFMA Course Matrix that was used in the development of the SOA M.S. curriculum. He also provided the members of the committee with the document titled “Florida A&M University School of Architecture Master of Science in Architectural Studies (Facility Management Track).” This document appears to be the current official description of the program. After briefly reviewing the material, it was agreed that ARC 5361 Grad Design Studio should be a new course tailored to the FM students. It was also observed that ARC 6255 Construction Management should be a project management course.

Since 5 out of the 6 students currently in the program are in Path A – students with an undergraduate design degree, the initial focus should be on fine tuning their curriculum.

Other business:

The general discussion raised the following questions:

What is the landscape of jobs?
What are the IFMA Foundation’s core competency areas and which courses are designed to meet them?

Next Meeting: TBD