Minutes of Meeting: Undergraduate Council, FAMU School of Architecture

Date: February 15, 2011, 1:20 – 2:10 PM
Present: Enn Ots, Chair; Ron Lumpkin; Craig Huffman

The meeting was called to continue the work of the council started at the meeting of November 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 2010 (minutes attached).

**Proposed History II course number change:**
This is a minor technical change that requires no further review. It will be initiated by Ron Lumpkin.

**LAA Intro to Urban Design change to an elective:**
Based upon the discussion at the November meeting, this change is being recommended to the faculty by the council. Implementation will consist of a revision to our curriculum schedule and catalog copy to reflect the change. There is no impact on staffing or student course loads. The proposed change provides more flexibility for the student and staff assignments without sacrificing the delivery of urban design course content.

**Internship:**
Those present agreed to the following:

1. If internship is a good idea for the B.Arch student then it is also a good idea for the M.Arch student. Both are professional programs that result in the ability to be licensed and thus pursue architectural practice.
2. In order to test the feasibility of a program of required internships, there should be an internship elective offered first that helps to identify the challenges and opportunities that will be encountered.
3. Members of the council are concerned that Tallahassee may provide very limited internship opportunities. In order to make internship a requirement, it must be possible for all students to be placed. The School takes on this responsibility by default

**IDP:**
Although there is support in principle, the members of the council present felt that they did not know enough about the ramifications of requiring an IDP file as a graduation requirement for the B. Arch degree. The council needs more information about the recent changes to the IDP program as it affects our students. Perhaps Mike Alfano can brief the council?

**Other business:**

**Adding a design studio prerequisite for Arch History 1:**
More information is needed regarding the need for this change. There was concern expressed about the impact of this change on the non-major taking the course.

**Minimum GPA for undergraduate matriculation:**
The minimum GPA for graduation from the 4 year BS degree is currently 2.0. There is concern that this allows students who would be better served in a different major to stay in the program, even if there is no possibility of advancement into one of the professional programs. Raising the minimum GPA required to remain in the program and graduate to 2.5 would perhaps reduce the number of students who are caught in the “C-“ cycle.

The proposed facility management program may provide a good option for those students who have not maintained a 2.5.