Date: November 2, 2010; 12:30 – 1:35 PM
Present: Enn Ots, Chair; Tim White; Craig Huffman; Gretchen Miller; Ronald Lumpkin

The meeting reviewed the charge given to the council. The following is a record of the discussion:

Proposed History II course number change:

The change seems non controversial and should be initiated without further review.

LAA Intro to Urban Design change to an elective:

Changing the required LAA Intro to Urban Design course into an elective has been proposed in recognition of the difficulty associated with ensuring that each student has a timely opportunity to take the course. The move to an elective would provide more flexibility for the student and SOA administration in scheduling courses. At this time it is unclear what the position of the LA faculty is on this issue. A council recommendation regarding the proposed change has been deferred until input from LA program faculty has been received.

Internship:

There are two items regarding B. Arch internship. The first is a proposal to offer a B. Arch elective called Internship. The second item is a proposal to require a B. Arch internship class/ experience. Although internship is supported in principle by all present, the council is confused about the relationship between these two proposals. The following clarifications are required:

1. Will students be able to obtain an internship experience that is not managed through the proposed elective?
2. Will internship be a graduation requirement for all B. Arch. students?
3. Can the proposed elective class be implemented first to test the feasibility of requiring an internship?
4. Does the school have a policy regarding pay for internship work?

The council feels that the ultimate success of an internship program will be dependant upon the implementation strategy. It is felt that a faculty member must manage the program.

IDP:

Requiring an IDP file as a B.Arch admission or graduation requirement is supported by the members of the council. Details regarding the implementation of this change in the program will be critical to its success.

Other Business:

The council is recommending that the minimum GPA for continuation in the undergraduate program be raised from 2.5 to 2.75. Student GPA’s will be evaluated as students attempt to move from 3rd to 4th year. Students who have failed to maintain the minimum 2.75 GPA will not be allowed to enroll in 4th year courses.