

Board Meeting
January 18, 2007

ESTABLISH DIFFERENTIATED MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE
NOMENCLATURE FOR PROFESSIONAL AND POST-PROFESSIONAL
PROGRAMS IN ARCHITECTURE, COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS,
URBANA

Action: Approve the Establishment of Differentiated Master of Science Degree Nomenclature for Professional and Post-Professional Programs in Architecture in the College of Fine and Applied Arts, Urbana

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor at Urbana with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends for approval a proposal from the College of Fine and Applied Arts to establish differentiated Master of Science degree nomenclature for professional and post-professional programs in Architecture.

The School of Architecture currently awards a single Master's Degree, the Master of Architecture (M.Arch.) to students who complete the one-year, non-accredited post-professional program, or the two-year accredited professional program. Awarding the same degree for both professional and post-professional programs creates confusion both for licensing boards and students. This proposal aims to reserve the current Master of Architecture degree for students completing the professional program track and create a new Master of Science in Architectural Studies (M.S.A.S.) for students completing the post-professional and research track.

The board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University concurs, pending further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.