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ELIMINATE THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE IN HEALTH
DESIGN, COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN, AND THE ARTS AND THE
GRADUATE COLLEGE, CHICAGO

Action: Eliminate the Master of Science in Architecture in Health Design, College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts and the Graduate College

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Chicago Senate, College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts, and the Graduate College recommends the elimination of the Master of Science in Architecture in Health Design.

The mission of the M.S. in Architecture in Health Design was to improve the quality of health-focused architecture through professional training with specialized experience and an emphasis on the professional ethics of healthcare architects. The 53-hour degree was a post-professional program; students must have received professional architecture degrees prior to acceptance. As conceived, the degree prepared students for a particular type of architecture career. Over time, the School of Architecture shifted its pedagogy to one of producing graduates who are prepared for multiple forms of practice, both current and future.

The School no longer has faculty members who possess the specific

expertise necessary to teach in the area of health design. The degree has been suspended since Fall 2010, courses are no longer taught, and no students are enrolled. The school will continue to offer two graduate-level programs in architecture: the Master of Architecture (MArch), a three-year professional degree for applicants who have bachelor's degrees in any field; and the M.S. in Architecture, a one-year post-professional degree intended for applicants who already have a professional degree in architecture or its international equivalent.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respect 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 Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.