November 5, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Cheng-i Wei
   Dean, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

FROM: Elizabeth Beise
       Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to Modify the Master of Landscape Architecture (PCC log no. 13010)

The proposal to modify the Master of Landscape Architecture has been administratively approved. A copy of the approved proposal is attached.

The change is effective Spring 2014. Please ensure that the change is fully described in the Graduate Catalog and in all relevant descriptive materials.

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Enclosure

cc: Marilee Lindemann, Chair, Senate PCC Committee
    Sarah Bauder, Office of Student Financial Aid
    Reka Montfort, University Senate
    Erin Howard, Division of Information Technology
    Pam Phillips, Institutional Research, Planning & Assessment
    Anne Turkos, University Archives
    Linda Yokoi, Office of the Registrar
    Alex Chen, Graduate School
    Leon Slaughter, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
    Angus Murphy, Plant Science and Landscape Architecture
College/School:
Please also add College/School Unit Code-First 8 digits:
Unit Codes can be found at: https://hvpprod.umd.edu/Html_Reports/units.htm

Department/Program:
Please also add Department/Program Unit Code-Last 7 digits:

Type of Action (choose one):

☐ Curriculum change (including informal specializations)  ☐ New academic degree/award program
☐ Renaming of program or formal Area of Concentration  ☐ New Professional Studies award iteration
☐ Addition/deletion of formal Area of Concentration  ☐ New Minor
☐ Suspend/delete program  ☐ Other

Italics indicate that the proposed program action must be presented to the full University Senate for consideration.

Summary of Proposed Action:
We have submitted a proposed VPAC change to LARC 748 (6 to 5 credits). This proposed change would change the overall credits to the existing program by one credit as indicated:

Existing Master of Landscape Architecture (M.L.A.)
Three-Year First Professional Degree Curriculum (71 Credits + 6 credits @ 200-level, if required).
Two-Year Post-Professional Degree Curriculum (40 credits)

Proposed
Three-Year First Professional Degree Curriculum (70 Credits + 6 credits @ 200-level, if required).
Two-Year Post-Professional Degree Curriculum (39 credits)

APPROVAL SIGNATURES - Please print name, sign, and date. Use additional lines for multi-unit programs.

1. Department Committee Chair  Joe M. Sullivan  3/2/13
2. Department Chair  Angus Murphy  3/2/13
3. College/School PCC Chair
4. Dean
5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required)
6. Chair, Senate PCC
7. University Senate Chair (if required)
8. Senior Vice President and Provost  Elspeth Fenech  5-NOV-2013
Detailed Impact on Curriculum

We are submitting a proposed VPAC change to LARC 748 (6 to 5 credits). The rationale for this proposed change is that it makes the course uniform in terms of credit and contact hours with the other four studio courses (each of these studios are 5 credits). After teaching it a few times in our new MLA program, we have agreed that it does not need additional contact hours from a pedagogical perspective.

The proposed changes to the curriculum from this proposed credit change are indicted in yellow.

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Students will be advised to take remedial Woody Plant Identification courses prior to arrival or in the first year of study at Maryland. The MLA Program requires these courses in order to meet accreditation standards. Requirements (contact department for detailed curriculum):

Courses in Theory and History (12 Credits)
Courses in Studio Design and Planning (26 Credits)
Courses in Graphic Communication and Practice Technology (15 Credits)
Courses in Ecology and Plant and Soil Sciences (3 Credits + 6 credits of remedial courses)
Courses in Independent Study and Research, with Thesis or Creative Design project(15 Credits)

Two-Year Post-Professional Degree Curriculum (40 credits)
This curriculum is for those students with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture or other approved environmental design degree. Requirements (please contact department for detailed curriculum):

Courses in Theory and History (6 Credits)
Courses in Studio Design and Planning (16 Credits)
Courses in Independent Study and Research, with Thesis or Creative Design project(18 Credits)

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Master of Landscape Architecture (M.L.A.)

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Courses in Studio Design and Planning (25 Credits)
Courses in Graphic Communication and Practice Technology (15 Credits)
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