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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a combined Bachelor of Arts in Architecture degree and a Master of Architecture degree program in the College of Design.

Background: The proposal establishes a four-plus-two professional degree program consisting of a four-year, undergraduate Bachelor of Arts in Architecture degree followed by a two-year, graduate Master of Architecture degree. These two programs are inseparably linked, and hence they are presented together here as a single proposal. The proposed program is intended to incrementally replace the currently accredited five-year Bachelor of Architecture degree by the year 2008 and become the only accredited professional degree in architecture in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The proposed program will respond directly to the diverse needs of the architecture profession and indirectly to the needs of other design disciplines and their related fields. The graduate curriculum will support multiple areas of professional concentration within a core professional education. This approach contrasts with the present Bachelor of Architecture curriculum, which offers only a single path to a professional degree. The proposed program allows students choice in selecting courses which suit their professional aspirations and provides university faculty with an opportunity to engage in academic and applied research, which will benefit the College of Design, the University of Kentucky, and the residents of the Commonwealth.

This program has the approval of the Graduate Council, Senate Council, University Senate, and has completed the forty-five day review by the Council on Postsecondary Education. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____