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Office of the President  
October 29, 2002

Members, Board of Trustees:

## CREATION OF A COLLEGE OF DESIGN

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the creation of a College of Design at the University of Kentucky. The College of Design will consist of the School of Interior Design (presently in the College of Human Environmental Sciences), a new School of Architecture (replaces the College of Architecture) and a new Department of Historic Preservation (presently the Master of Historic Preservation program in the College of Architecture).

Background: The creation of a College of Design would consolidate three professional design disciplines into one academic unit: Interior Design, Architecture, and Historic Preservation. This consolidation reflects an increasing interaction among the varied professional design disciplines in their practices.

Discussions regarding the establishment of a College of Design have occurred for over two years. The faculties from the affected programs have reviewed the issue thoroughly, both within their own units as well as together. Professional organizations and visiting committees for these programs have encouraged the movement towards a College of Design. The Futures Task Force recommended establishment of a design college; furthermore, an external review committee composed of eminent design professionals and scholars concurred on this course of action.

The professional programs in each of these schools will not be changed as a result of this proposal. The administrative structure for the College of Design will consist of one dean, directors for each of the two schools, and a chair for the preservation program.

The proposal has been reviewed and recommended by the Senate Committee on Academic Organization and Structure and the Senate Council; and recommended for approval by the University Senate. The Acting Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

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Action taken:     Approved     Disapproved     Other \_\_\_\_\_