Transforming the University

Preliminary Recommendations of the Task Force on Collegiate Design: CALA/CHE

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I. Executive Summary.

Mission

To create a plan for a new, nationally distinctive, multidisciplinary college of design incorporating the Departments of Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Design, Housing, and Apparel, and associated centers. The new college would aspire to be an international and national leader in multidisciplinary research, creative production, teaching, and public engagement in a wide variety of design-related fields.

Deliverables

A. Recommendations regarding the name and mission of the new college.

B. Recommendations regarding areas of strengths and comparative advantage, including areas that should be targeted for additional investment consistent with the University’s goal to become one of the top three public research universities in the world.

C. Recommendations regarding existing strengths and opportunities and the potential for optimizing new collaborations and partnerships with other academic units outside the newly formed college.

D. Recommendations on how the new college can be a model for the promotion of active public engagement.

E. Recommendations regarding a strategy for enhancing the new college’s prospects of becoming a widely recognized leader in design, contributing to the University’s potential to take its place as one of the top three public research universities in the world. The strategy should bring the intellectual and disciplinary diversity of the University, currently dispersed across multiple colleges, to bear on all aspects of design.

F. Recommendations regarding the optimal design, structure, and organization of the new college.

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Identify broader themes outside scope of task force inquiry, and recommend future areas of effort.

The CALA/CHE task force has focused on the new design college’s broad academic agenda. The areas listed below will need to be addressed in the future but are beyond the scope of this task force’s work. Other areas for future development appear throughout the report and in Section IV, Recommendations for Prioritizing Deliverables.

- Transition plan for establishing the new college, including plan for the continuation of the strategic planning process initiated in Fall Semester, 2005.
- Administrative structure, lines of reporting, and staffing.
- Budget and allocation of resources.
- Space and facilities: plan for unifying the college spatially; plan for facilities and academic resources.
- Governance for the college and departments.
- Student services.
- Admission and recruiting plan for undergraduate and graduate students.
- Plan for the evaluation and (re)development of programs and curricula to facilitate interdisciplinary research, teaching, and collaboration.
- Timetable for addressing the items listed above, and for consideration, development, and implementation of the recommendations below.