MEMORANDUM

To: Jocelyn Milner, Director
   Academic Planning and Institutional Research

From: Wendy L. Way, Associate Dean
       School of Human Ecology

Date: April 30, 2014

This is to follow up on the proposal that has been submitted by the School of Human Ecology to change the names of the two undergraduate degree majors in the Department of Design Studies: B.S. Interior Design to Interior Architecture and B.S. Textile and Apparel Design (TAD) to Textiles and Fashion Design. Since these proposals were unanimously approved by both the Department and the School’s Academic Planning Council, we have consulted further with students about the proposed changes. As a result, we would like to request a modification in the process for implementing the name change for one of the degree majors if approved by the University Academic Planning Council.

During our additional follow-ups with students, no concerns about the proposed name change were expressed by any students currently enrolled in the Interior Design program. We are confident that the input we had previously received from this group is accurate; that all are in agreement with the proposed change. The turnkey approach to implementing the name change for students in this major will work well as planned in our original proposal.

Although we believed there was similar unanimous support for the change of the name of the TAD degree major, we have since heard from 6 students (out of about 100 majors) who would prefer to be able to graduate with their current Textile and Apparel Design degree name. Two of the students who wish to keep the current degree name will not graduate for another two years (spring or summer of 2016). We would like to respect the wishes of this small number of current students who have strong opinions about the change, but without delaying the name change for two years, which is what would be required to use the turnkey approach. Thus, we are asking to use the phase-in approach to changing the name of this major. Operationally, we would like to implement the name change beginning in December of 2014 but give any student graduating prior to December of 2016 the option of retaining the current major name, Textile and Apparel Design. All students graduating in December 2014 and after who do not opt to keep the current degree major name, and all students graduating in December of 2016 and after, will receive degrees with the new name, Textiles and Fashion Design.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Cc: Dean Soyeon Shim
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