



Department of Landscape Architecture

March 13, 2023

Professor Scott Shannon, Chair
Academic Affairs Committee

RE: Bachelor of Landscape Architecture program change

Dear Professor Shannon:

I am pleased to provide the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) with a Program Revision Proposal for the existing five-year Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA) program. The revision shortens the time to degree completion to four years, with a reduction of 24 credit hours from the existing 150-credit hour program. The result is a 126-credit program that meets all SUNY requirements for a baccalaureate degree. The proposed four-year BLA also meets the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board's standards for an accredited undergraduate landscape architecture program.

With a unanimous vote, the faculty of the Department of Landscape Architecture support this proposal.

On March 1st, we submitted a course proposal for LSA 212 Place/Culture/Design that includes a revision designed to meet the SUNY General Education requirement for Diversity: Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice. While transmitted separately, that proposal is part of this package of program changes.

This package contains SUNY Form 3A Program Revision Proposal: Changes to an Existing Program and a set of course proposal forms. The course proposal set is comprised of:

- One new course: LSA 323 Landscape Systems II
- One significantly revised course: LSA 322 Landscape Systems I (a combination of LSA 311 and 321, both of which will be deactivated following approval and implementation of this proposal)
- Two Arts General Education courses: LSA 220 and 201 (formerly 300)
- Five courses with credit hour changes: LSA 226, 227, 433, 425, and 233 (formerly LSA 333)
- One title change and catalog description update: LSA 301
- Two changes to affected shared resources courses: LSA 501 and 633

Some course deactivations are necessary for the curriculum change and to update more generally. Given that the new curriculum will not be approved before 2024, it is necessary to keep most courses in place until the curriculum change is in effect, so the deactivations will be made at a later date.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I look forward to assisting in any way necessary during the AAC review.

Sincerely,

M. Margaret Bryant, Ph.D.
Interim Chair