

DCP Constitutional Language for Interdisciplinary Degree Programs

The following language from the College of Design, Construction and Planning's Constitution establishes the way in which interdisciplinary degree programs, including Sustainability and the Built Environment will be administered.

Article II. Organization

B. Schools, Departments, Programs, Centers, and Institutes

b) Interdisciplinary Degree Programs

- i. Interdisciplinary degree programs may be established as necessary to assist the College in its teaching, service, and research mission within the guidelines of the University. The establishment of an interdisciplinary degree program within the College of Design, Construction and Planning must be approved by the college curriculum committee and the Dean, and must follow UF's subsequent requirements for approval of a new degree program. The abolition or consolidation of an interdisciplinary degree program shall be voted upon and approved by a simple majority of the Voting Faculty at a College meeting. The interdisciplinary degree programs of the College of Design, Construction and Planning are:

- (1) Doctoral Program,
- (2) Historic Preservation Program,
- (3) Sustainability and the Built Environment Program,

- ii. Each interdisciplinary degree program shall have a head, will be overseen by a standing faculty committee including faculty from all academic units, and shall adopt written procedures to govern its operations including function, curriculum oversight, granting of degrees, participating faculty, and administration.

- iii. Searches for faculty to support interdisciplinary degree programs.

- (1) A search committee with one faculty from each academic unit will be appointed by the head of the interdisciplinary program conducting the search.
- (2) The advertisement will be written by the search committee and distribution outlets selected by same.
- (3) Faculty from all academic units will have the opportunity to review applications. Each unit's representative on the search committee will take recommendations from their colleagues about candidates appropriate for further consideration.
- (4) The search committee will select applicants to invite to campus for interviews and provide a preliminary recommendation about the most appropriate academic home for each.

- (5) At the conclusion of interviews, the search committee will seek input from 1) faculty, staff and students in the home academic unit and 2) faculty, staff and students college-wide, as they develop their recommendations for the Dean.
 - (6) The Dean will consult with the search committee, the head of the interdisciplinary program and the chair/director of the home academic unit prior to negotiating a faculty offer.
- iv. Annual Evaluations and Letters of Support for Promotion/Tenure for Faculty who teach and conduct research in interdisciplinary programs.
- (1) Annual evaluations for faculty who participate in interdisciplinary programs will be written by the director/chair of their home academic unit. The head of the interdisciplinary program in which a faculty member teaches or conducts research will provide the director/chair with an assessment of performance that will be incorporated into the annual letter of evaluation. The annual letter of evaluation will clearly indicate the percent effort contributed to the interdisciplinary program and the home unit, and the effort spent on any other assignments a faculty member might have.
 - (2) Letters of support for promotion and/or tenure will be written by the director/chair of the home academic unit. The head of the interdisciplinary program in which a faculty member teaches or conducts research will consult with the director/chair on the letter of support.