**Illinois State**

**University**

**Board of**

**Trustees**

 **Resolution No. 2015.02/09**

 **Approval of**

 **B.A., B.S. in Interior Design**

**Resolution**

Whereas, the Board of Trustees, as authorized by the Board of Trustees Governing Document, Section A, Government Statutes, Subsection 5, Reservation of Powers, has reserved to itself the final decision-making authority for the establishment of any new unit of instruction requiring approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the proposal for degree granting authority for the B.A., B.S. in Interior Design.

Board Action on: Postpone:

 Motion by: Amend:

 Second by: Disapprove:

 Vote: Yeas: Nays: Approve:

ATTEST: Board Action, February 20, 2015

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Secretary/Chairperson

Board of Trustees of Illinois State University

B.A., B.S. in Interior Design

The proposed B.A., B.S. in Interior Design program would be administered by the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences within the College of Applied Science and Technology. The program is based on the long-standing Interior and Environmental Design sequence in the B.A., B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences program and is intended to replace that sequence. The proposal is one of four concurrently developed by the department to elevate undergraduate sequences to stand-alone majors. The other three are Fashion Design and Merchandising; Food, Nutrition, and Dietetics; and Human Development and Family Science.

The proposal resulted in part from the 2012-2013 program review self-study of the Family and Consumer Sciences undergraduate program conducted by department faculty. Through the study, faculty found that most institutions of similar size had stand-alone interior design programs within a more comprehensive department. The change is intended to result in a more competitive interior design program at Illinois State with respect to student and faculty recruitment and external grant procurement. The name of the program of study is being changed from Interior and Environmental Design to Interior Design, as the latter is more widely accepted within the discipline.

The curriculum is intended to develop students’ skills and knowledge in design, sketching and technical drawing, space planning, interior construction and building systems, material specifications, historical interiors, building codes, and accessibility guidelines. Courses cover knowledge and skills needed to pass the National Council for Interior Design Qualification certification examination.

Enrollment is projected at 100 full-time students once the program is fully implemented. Impact of the new program on University operations should be minimal, since the program is so closely based on the existing sequence. Like the sequence before it, the new major will be accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA).

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