

Time Line of Actions
New School in the College of Design, Construction and Planning
(Merger of Departments of Landscape Architecture and Urban and Regional Planning)

Between May 2-14, 2008 President Machen released proposed budget cuts for FY 2008 – 2009, including the creation of the new School of Landscape Architecture, Planning and Preservation consisting of the departments of Landscape Architecture, Urban and Regional Planning and the Historic Preservation program.

May 14, 2008 UF Board of Trustees adopt Budget Resolution that includes the creation of the new School of Landscape Architecture, Planning and Preservation consisting of the departments of Landscape Architecture, Urban and Regional Planning and the Historic Preservation program.

May 15, 2008 Faculty Senate discusses resolution adopted by UF Board of Trustees

September 2, 2008 Dean Silver appoints a New School Task Force charged as follows:

- 1) to identify, assess, and develop recommendations for implementation of a new school that combines the Department of Landscape Architecture and the Department of Urban and Regional Planning
- 2) to base this work on careful examination of best practices at other comparable institutions which have undertaken similar mergers (or where these two programs are under a single unit)
- 3) to offer suggestions on how such a merger might create opportunities to enhance the quality of these programs
- 4) to summarize the challenges and opportunities voiced by faculty, students, and other involved constituency representatives from Landscape Architecture and Urban and Regional Planning
- 5) to identify areas within the DCP constitution that may need to be amended or reconsidered in light of the restructuring

November 25, 2008 New School Task Force Report, “Toward a New School of Landscape Architecture + Urban and Regional Planning” is submitted. Note: Through the efforts of the task force removal of the Historic Preservation Program from the merger was recommended and that recommendation has been followed.

Spring, 2009 Faculty from the Departments of Landscape Architecture and Urban and Regional Planning express support for the merger in separate departmental meetings.

Spring, 2009 College of Design, Construction and Planning’s Faculty Council expresses support for the formation of the New School

April 22, 2009 Two faculty committees comprised of representatives from both departments present initial concepts for new degree programs to result from the merger:

- 1) Master of Science in Environmental Design and Planning, and a
- 2) Master of Urban Design.

- 3) Additionally, a proposal for a Professional Science Masters degree program in Geographic Information Systems is developed in coordination with Ken Gerhardt from the Graduate School

Spring, 2009 DCP HR officer surveys duties of the 4 staff members from the departments of Landscape Architecture and Urban and Regional Planning

Summer, 2009 A plan for the reorganization of staff responsibilities is developed.

Summer, 2009 Faculty and staff from the departments are surveyed via email on their preferences for the name of the new school. It is agreed the new name will be selected at a retreat of the faculty in August, 2009.

Summer, 2009 Faculty and staff are relocated to consolidate school personnel on one floor in order to share a common entry/receptionist area, mail room, copier and file storage.

August, 2009 Staff duties were reassigned to achieve efficiency in serving the School.

August 20, 2009 A joint retreat of the two departments was held, at which time a vote reaffirming the merger was cast with no faculty dissention.