

Addenda to Faculty Council Mailing for 4th November 2020 Meeting

1. Curriculum Committee Report

Chair/Program Director

Robert Levit, Associate Dean – Academics

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The committee sat once this semester on 26th October 2020. The committee passed a motion to approve a proposal to amend the course requirements to the HBA programs offered at Daniels.

Additional curriculum items will be brought forward in the Winter governance cycle.

Motion: THAT the draft proposal to amend HBA course requirements (attached) be approved by Faculty Council.

2. Public Programming Committee Report

Mason White, Chair

Committee: Mitchell Akiyama, Alstan Jakubiec, Jeannie Kim, Jesse LeCavalier, Liat Margolis, Danijela Puric-Mladenovic, Juliette Cook (GALDSU), Randa Omar (AVSSU)

Executive Summary

- All public programming is online this year. We are using Zoom in both webinar and meeting format depending on registration numbers. We are also tracking registrations this year to better assess audience and reach.
- This year we are focused on two formats: Talks and Lectures. Talks are interdisciplinary and thematic with multiple speakers. Lectures are disciplinary and non-thematic with single speakers.

- This year we are primarily focused on highlighting the diversity of our programs and the series will “explore design’s capacity to respond to activism, resilience, decolonization, density, narrative, and justice, among other topics.”
- The Talks series is organized and moderated by various faculty depending on the thematic.
- For a complete list of Talks and Lectures see here: <https://www.daniels.utoronto.ca/fall-2020-lectures-talks>

Fall 2020 – Talks & Lectures

Talks include:

- “Takes Action – session I-III” – on Activism in Design
- “Strange Primitivism and Other Things”
- “The Great Indoors: Environmental Quality, Health and Wellbeing in a Quarantining Society”
- “Distancing Density”
- “Future Forests: Renaturalizing Urban and Peri Urban Landscapes for People, Biodiversity and Resilience”
- “The Architect and the Public: On George Baird's Contribution to Architecture”
- “For Her Record: Notes on the Work of Blanche Lemco van Ginkel”
- “Architecture in Dialogue: 14th cycle of the Aga Khan Award for Architecture”

Lectures include:

- Chris Lee (Pratt Institute) MVS Proseminar
- Sheila Boudreau (Spruce Lab)
- Elisa Silva (Enlace Arquitectura)
- Aisling O'Carroll (The Bartlett)
- Arthur Adeya (Kounkuey Design Initiative)
- Kelly Doran (MASS Design) - Jeffrey Cook Memorial Lecture
- Jason Nguyen (Daniels Faculty)
- Luis Callejas (LCLA Office)
- Gilles Saucier (Saucier + Perrotte)
- Teresa Galí-Izard (ETH) - Michael Hough/Ontario Association of Landscape Architects Visiting Critic
- Jia Gu (Spinagu / M&A)
- Elise Hunchuck (Royal College of Art & The Bartlett)
- Sergio Lopez-Pineiro (Harvard University)

Activities since the last Council meeting

- Launched the Fall 2020 series “Resolutions & Agencies.”
- Hired Chris Lee as a graphic designer for the Talks series and Mariah Meawasige for the Lectures series.

Upcoming plans

- We will be launching the Winter 2021 series in early January 2021.
- It will use a similar format and approach as this Fall.