



New Academic Program Proposal for the Bachelor of Architecture

Presentation to Academic & Student Affairs Committee
Board of Trustees

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Need for a Bachelor of Architecture

- Strong regional and statewide job growth in architecture and construction management have high levels of workforce demands (Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development reports, THEC Supply and Demand Report, O*NET national database).
- Tennessee faces a substantial workforce supply gap, producing less than 60% of the graduates needed to meet annual demand.
- The proposed Bachelor of Architecture program addresses this unmet workforce need by preparing qualified professionals for high-demand roles in the state.
- The proposed Bachelor of Architecture complements and strengthens programs for Tennessee Tech University as a “Tech University.”



Description of the Bachelor of Architecture

- **Purpose:** The program prepares competent, licensed, and community-oriented professionals for careers in architecture and related fields.
- **Program of Study:** The curriculum requires 154 credit hours, emphasizing hands-on experience and engagement with real-world challenges.
- **Accreditation:** The proposed degree is a five-year professional program that will seek accreditation from the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB).
- **Targeted students:** The program will be limited to 30 students per cohort, which will primarily serve high school graduates from Tennessee, as well as current Tennessee Tech students.
- **Delivery Mode:** The program will be delivered through a traditional, on-ground format.



Enrollment and Revenue Projections

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Enrollment	30	56	80	103	126
Graduates	0	0	0	0	23

Instructional Cost & Revenue Projections

	Planning Year	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Expenses	\$646,700	\$615,000	\$1,046,900	\$1,103,100	\$1,330,300	\$1,335,300
Revenues	\$0	\$425,550	\$815,671	\$1,196,601	\$1,582,208	\$1,987,912

New hires: Nine (9) instructional faculty + two (2) non-instructional staff



A Vision of a School of Architecture

- The architecture program will be limited to 30 students per cohort, but will serve as the core for architecture-related programs
- It will support enrollment in the Construction Management program
- It will support the Interior Design program
- It will support the Landscape Architecture program
- A future of “School of Architecture” may include:
 - Architecture
 - Interior design
 - Construction management
 - Landscape architecture



