

CGSP Resolution 2005-2006D
A Resolution for Establishment of a Ph.D in Architecture and Design Research
Degree Proposal in the Virginia Tech
College of Architecture and Urban Studies (CAUS)

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WHEREAS, the Ph.D. in Environmental Design and Planning (EDP) has been a degree in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies since 1975; and

WHEREAS, the EDP program has added several tracks to accommodate the needs of a growing and changing College, including major restructuring in 2003 when the College formed two schools, the School of Architecture + Design (A +D) and the School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA); and

WHEREAS, the college-wide EDP program no longer works effectively to capture the full range of opportunities for doctoral research and education in the newly configured College; and

WHEREAS, therefore, the EDP degree should be converted to two spin-off Ph.D. degrees under the two new schools in the College; and

WHEREAS, the EDP streams in Architecture and Design Research are well established programs with a combined enrollment of more than 25 students; and

WHEREAS, the emerging fields represented by these streams are best characterized by the spin-off title "Architectural Representation" and

WHEREAS, many positions in academia and the public and nonprofit sectors require or strongly favor the interdisciplinary perspectives, analytical and research skills present in the proposed spin-off degree in Architecture and Design Research; and

WHEREAS, there are no Ph.D. programs in Architecture and Design Research in academic institutions in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the proposed spin-off Ph.D. Architecture and Design Research supports the strategic goals of Virginia Tech to increase doctoral education and research and to enhance the international offerings of the University; and

WHEREAS, the spin-off program would require no new resources to maintain at the current level;

THEREFORE be it resolved, that the proposal for a spin-off Ph.D. degree in Architecture and Design Research be approved and the proposal forwarded to SCHEV for approval.