**Regarding Arch 4596: Design Agency on Wicked Problems: World Building Your Life**

**Concurrence review and response from Design**

To Whom it May Concern;

This is written as an explanation of my response to the suggestion on the Course Review Concurrence Form from the Chair of the Design Department. The Department Chair supports the proposal but suggested “removing the word ‘Design’ from the course title.” Removing the word ‘design’ would skew the course title away from what it principally is – a design seminar. Although I appreciate that ‘design’ is the tile of their department, it is also a word we use extensively in Architecture. All of our studio courses are design studios, which are synthetic project based courses. Design is the vehicle for working on a project. It is the activity that integrates all facets of a problem, develops skills, and nurtures the creativity necessary of architects as both practitioners and cultural lightning rods. The design studios are different than the lecture courses, which deliver packages of content focused on particular skills and knowledge acquisition, and different than seminars, which are discussion based. In the architecture studios, design is the activity through which integrative learning happens. This proposed course uses design in the very same way although in a less time intensive manner, and it draws from architectural design methodologies that do not duplicate the methodologies of the design department. So I have not removed ‘design’ from the title because it would be inaccurate to do so.

Thank you,

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