**Justification for changing ARC 3133 from 2 Credit Hours to 3 Credit Hours**

In the Spring of 2018, the Faculty of the FAU School of Architecture voted to increase the number of credit hours for *ARC 3133-Architectural Representation*, from 2 credit hours to 3 credit hours.

This decision followed a series of discussions on the curriculum, that were aimed at aligning our curriculum with our peer institutions and feeder programs, increasing graduation rates, and reducing excess hours.

In February 2018, the UUPC voted to approve the course change request for ARC 2580. We then changed the Math prerequisites from a 4 credit hour course to a 3 credit hour course. This resulted in a net reduction of 1 credit Hour from our program.

We are applying this one credit hour to ARC 3133, which will increase it from 2 credit hours to 3 credit hours. This will not affect the total number of credit hours in our program, which remains at 159 credit hours.

This increase in credit hours for ARC 3133 will make it easier for students to take 2 courses over the summer (ARC 3133 and ARC 3374) and get financial aid with full time enrollment status. Currently, because ARC 3133 is a 2 credit hour course, students need to take 3 courses in order to get financial aid. By taking ARC 3133 and ARC 3374 over the summer, students will also get a head start on required course work before beginning junior level design studios in the fall. This will take some pressure off the fall and spring semesters, which we hope will increase student success.