Agency details

Agency number: 419
Agency title: Department of Industrial Arts
Start date: 1957
End date: by 1990
Creation: 9 September 1957 Council meeting (resolutions 57/106 & 57/108)

Abolition:

Administrative history note:

On 9 September 1957 Council approved the introduction of degree courses in Industrial Arts and at the same time appointed Associate Professor L. M. Haynes to take on this responsibility (resolutions 57/106 & 57/108). When he entered on duty on 26 September 1957, the Department of Industrial Arts thus came into existence within the Faculty of Technology with Associate Professor Haynes at its head. The first students in industrial arts were admitted at the beginning of the 1958 academic year (Industrial Arts Advisory Panel, CN913).

On 9 May, 1960, Council changed the name of the faculty to the Faculty of Applied Science (resolution 60/55).

At the 12 September, 1960 meeting of Council the Board of Vocational Studies was formed (resolution 60/132). Under Council resolution 60/132iii it was determined that the Board should supervise teaching, provide assistance to examiners and conduct research in those subjects that were nominated as coming under its auspices. As this included the Department of Industrial Arts, the new Board was academically responsible for the department from this date.

As the Board was not initially given all powers of a faculty, however, the department remained administratively responsible to the Dean of Applied Science (CN958/13). This was not changed until the meeting of Council on 11th May, 1970 (resolution 70/74i), when resolution 60/132 was rescinded and the Board reconstituted. Under Council resolution 70/74ii the Board was given the power to act as a faculty in regard to all its courses, including those from the Department of Industrial Arts. On 12 November, 1973 Council changed the name of the Board to the Board of Professional Studies (resolution 73/231). A year later, on 11 November, 1974, Council approved the reconstitution of the Board into the Faculty of Professional Studies from 20th January 1975 (resolution 74/227).

On 16 January 1978 Council approved the transfer of the Department of Industrial Arts to the Faculty of Architecture, effective from 24 July 1978 (resolution 78/22). It was initially also planned that the department would eventually become a School of Industrial Arts & Design with the appointment of a chair. Due to falling student numbers this did not occur and instead on 1 January 1981 the department became part of the School of Architecture (17 December 1980 Vice-Chancellor’s Advisory Committee meeting).

On 12 August 1982 the Committee of Review for the Academic Programmes in Industrial Arts gave its recommendation that the courses and department "be abolished and its staff transferred to the appropriate school(s) of the Faculty of Architecture" (file 820500). At the Faculty of Architecture meeting on 30 September 1982, however, while the faculty "reluctantly" accepted that it was too late to continue industrial arts courses into 1983, it advocated "that the Department of Industrial Arts be not abolished with a view to that department offering a revised program for 1984, which would be of value to a wider group of prospective applicants" (resolution 82/21).

Although the plans to resurrect the course in 1984 do not appear to have eventuated, the department remained in existence and in the Faculty of Architecture Corporate Plan 1989 - 1994 (released May 1988), it was noted that "The Department of Industrial Arts no longer offers separate courses and its future status is under review. The two staff members’ skills and knowledge are being re-directed into the core activities of the school" (file 028020). From the 1991 Calendar the department was no longer listed separately and the department’s staff...
appear to have been absorbed within the School of Architecture.

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