Dean Search

Leadership Statement

Opportunity

The New York Institute of Technology (NYIT) seeks candidates for the position of Dean of the School of Architecture and Design (SoAD). Applicants should have strong academic background, proven administrative capability, and be skilled in communication and collaboration. Candidates should be educators and, preferably practitioners. The Dean is expected to be the intellectual leader of the SoAD, and as such, will engage with the professional community, interact with other disciplines, and cultivate domestic and international relationships. The Dean is expected to work with the faculty and alumni to establish a focused and relevant vision for the school, and develop resources to implement this shared vision – all in the context of NYIT’s DNA and its established and transformational strategic plan NYIT 2030 2.0 (http://www.nyit.edu/planning/strategic_planning).

NYIT was founded in 1955. It is comprised of five schools and two colleges: Schools of Architecture and Design, Education, Engineering and Computing Sciences, Health Professions, Management; and Colleges of Arts and Science, and Osteopathic Medicine. NYIT’s 12,000 students represent a diverse student body, hailing from 50 states and more than 100 countries. With campuses in North America, China, and the Middle East, dual degree programs with partner universities in Brazil, France, and Turkey, as well as online programs, NYIT offers a variety of global learning opportunities contextualized to local needs.

The university is guided by its mission to provide career-oriented, professional education, offer access to opportunity to all qualified students, and support applications-oriented research that benefits the larger world. To date, nearly 100,000 students have graduated from NYIT’s undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs.

The two New York campuses are located in Old Westbury and Manhattan. The Old Westbury campus is located in Nassau County, Long Island in 25 buildings on more than 100 acres. The wooded landscape of rolling hills was formerly an estate owned by the Whitney family.

The Manhattan campus is located at Broadway and 61st Street, adjacent to Columbus Circle, in the heart of Manhattan, which is convenient to public transportation, and to all the cultural offerings of New York City.
School of Architecture and Design Overview

The School of Architecture and Design was established in 1978 and has developed a diverse offering of programs in architecture, interior design, and urban design. The architecture and urban design programs are offered only at the New York campuses. The Interior Design program is offered in New York as well as at NYIT-Abu Dhabi. The SoAD is composed of top quality faculty and staff with extensive scholarship activities. The school’s location in the New York City metropolitan area allows both New York campuses to attract accomplished practitioners in interior design and architecture as part of its faculty. The school prides itself in its direct connection to the profession. There are currently 900 students in the School of Architecture and Design across all campuses. Many of our graduates find opportunities to develop their careers in the New York area. A large population of alumni is fully engaged with the school through the year creating a working relationship with the professional community.

Prominent Alumni include:
John Gering (B.Arch ’83) Principal, HLW
Robert J. Laudenschlager (B.S.’82) Partner – SLCE
Ted Moudis (B.S. ’80) Ted Moudis and Associates
Peter Ruggiero (B.Arch ’82) Director of Design: HOK, Chicago
Ana Serra (B.Arch ’96) Architectural Sustainability Consultant, Buro Happold
John Sorrenti (B.S.’72, MBA ’78) JRS – Chancellor of the AIA College of Fellows

The Friends of SoAD, a group of prominent alumni, sponsor scholarships, the lecture series, and offer other support to the students of the school.
Degree Programs

Architecture

The School of Architecture and Design offers three undergraduate degrees in architecture: a Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch), a Bachelor of Science in Architectural Technology (BSAT), and an Associate in Applied Science in Architectural Technology (AAS). These degree programs are offered on both New York campuses.

The Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch) is a first professional degree, accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB). It is a five-year program with 10 semesters of design studio as its core focus. Students also follow rigorous structures, technology, history/theory, and visualization sequences. This knowledge base becomes increasingly important in design work as the studios advance through the curriculum. The capstone of the studio sequence for B.Arch students is a two-semester thesis project.

The Bachelor of Science in Architectural Technology (BSAT) degree is a four-year program that emphasizes architectural technology. The capstone course is a one-semester studio: Project Integration. Students pursuing this degree may also elect to follow a concentration in Construction Management. In conjunction with the School of Engineering and Computing Sciences, offerings include a BSAT with a concentration in Energy Management as well as a combined BSAT in Energy Management and Master of Science in Energy Management.

The Associate in Applied Science in Architectural Technology (AAS) is a two-year degree program that emphasizes architectural technology.

All students accepted into the program begin on the same degree track. After the first year, students who elect to study interior design enter that program. At the close of the second year, interested students apply for acceptance into the B.Arch program. Admission into that program is based on a portfolio review of the first four semesters and minimum cumulative GPA.

The degree offerings include an externship program. Architecture electives also include special studies courses offered by faculty on specific topics of design, technology, and visualization including interdisciplinary and design/build projects.

Each year the SoAD offers a number of credit-bearing, summer traveling programs. These are open to both interior design and architecture students. Recent programs have included the United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, Portugal, France, Germany, India, and Egypt.
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Design (BFA)

The NYIT Department of Interior Design has been accredited since 1984 by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) – through 2019. The program nexus is situated within the Old Westbury, New York campus, with ancillary classes held on the Manhattan campus, and a full equivalent, parallel program at NYIT Abu Dhabi. Faculty members include academics as well as practicing professionals in the fields of interior design, architecture, furniture design, industrial design, and lighting.

The program focuses on the relationship between human performance and environment through a mix of studio design projects, profession-specific coursework, community oriented projects, and externships in the field. Complementing these experiences, the program also incorporates multiple site visits to furniture, fabric/textile, lighting, and other material showrooms. Links for the student are established with alumni and professionals through office visits and project sites.

After a first year of fundamentals studio common to all programs (BSAT, B.Arch, BFA), the BFA program offers courses in materials, color theory, history of interior design, furniture design, lighting, and business procedures and management. Digital design tools, including Building Information Modeling, are stressed in the program.

Following graduation, students are eligible to begin the process towards recognized registration; the taking of the U.S. National Council of Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) exam. Passage of this exam, in conjunction with one additional year of work experience, qualifies the candidate to apply for New York state certification. Other states have similar certification and licensing requirements.
Master of Science in Architecture, Urban and Regional Design (MSAURD)

The graduate program in Urban and Regional Design is a three-semester, 36-credit, post-professional Master Degree for those holding a first professional degree in architecture, landscape architecture, or planning, with an emphasis on design of the built environment. Our graduate urban design program engages the evolving and critical role of urban design in the twenty-first century. The contemporary field of urban design is fluid, fast moving, and global. The intersection of urban form, sustainability and climate is at the forefront of urban design research, and this is the focus of the three advanced urban design studios. The three design studios (Fall, Spring, Fall) are organized by themes. New York City: The contemporary metropolis; Urban Climate Lab: Students research the intersection of urban form, low-carbon cities, and climate; Global Megacities: Students integrate urban and regional design applied to the New York metropolitan region and world cities. Third-semester students work in New York and Paris with leading urban climatologists and urbanists, configuring a compact district to adapt and thrive in changing climate conditions.
Programs in Development

The SoAD is currently developing three new programs. The Department of Architecture has developed a Masters of Architecture (M.Arch) program, which will be a first professional graduate degree. It has been approved by the State of New York, and is in review at the NAAB. The school is expected to begin accepting students into this program for the fall 2016 semester. The Department of Interior Design is developing a joint 4+1 Bachelors of Art in Interior Design with a Masters of Business Administration focused on Interior Design and a Masters of Fine Arts in Interior Design with a focus on Hospitality Design.

The Student-Led Architecture Build (sLab) Program

The school encourages students in architecture and interior design to engage in design build projects in a hands-on approach to design and making of the environment. These projects occur in the sLab Program. The projects are student led and initiated by students and faculty outside the curriculum. Professors serve as coaches, or in some cases, co-collaborators. The program also provides outreach to neighborhoods that require design assistance in traditionally underserved national and international communities. To make the project a reality, students actively participate in fundraising, marketing, design and building of the project. Two recent projects include the Nosara Recycling Center in Costa Rica and The Freeport Community Boxing Center on Long Island.

NYIT SoAD has twice been a finalist in the Solar Decathlon in Washington, DC.
Challenges and Opportunities

• Advancing a well-respected and high quality school to its next level of development;

• Working with faculty to establish a focused, relevant, and contemporary vision for the school;

• Collaborating with other NYIT schools/colleges to develop opportunities for new cross-disciplinary programs;

• Developing new resources to advance the goals of school;

• Developing new initiatives for student recruitment and marketing/branding of school;

• Embracing NYIT global initiatives and expanding SoAD offerings at NYIT global campuses and partner universities;

• Maintaining consistency of education while exploring diverse qualities of multiple campuses;

• Leading school’s effort for its re-accreditation;

• Developing strategies for continuous integration of technologies in the curriculum that impact the profession;

• Maintaining core disciplinary skills while anticipating and affecting changing modes of practice;

• Fostering interdisciplinary research and teaching within a demanding professional curriculum;

• Creating a student-centered culture among faculty and staff that supports student development, educational success and career planning to inspire future leaders of architecture and design.

• Forming a comprehensive strategy for development and engagement of alumni and friends of school, to advance the vision of the school
Duties of the Dean

• Provide vision, strategy, and leadership for the SoAD that aligns with the Institute mission and the strategic plan

• Be a catalyst to establish relationships both public and private relationships to advance the mission of the school

• Interact with students and faculty consistently

• Drive representation and transparency of the organizational structure within the SoAD and with NYIT administration

• Act as an ambassador to the NYIT alumni and the outside community

• Provide direction and oversight of SoAD personnel and resources building on diverse strengths and assigning responsibility within the faculty

• Foster collaboration and experimentation among faculty and support research grant acquisition

• Administer the SoAD budget

• Adhere to the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) and the Constitution of the NYIT Academic Senate
Required Qualifications

- Scholarly credentials or professional achievement that meets standards for tenure and appointment at the rank of full professor in the NYIT SoAD
- A successful record of administrative leadership
- Experience and knowledge of current issues in architecture and interior design
- Earned a terminal degree in one or more of the disciplines within the SoAD or closely related fields

Preferred Qualifications

- Administrative experience in a comprehensive institution of higher education
- Experience with and knowledge of academic and professional accreditation, e.g. NAAB
- Proven fundraising skills
- Involvement at the national and international level in professional associations
- Experience obtaining and administering funded grants
- Appropriate licensure and professional registration
Application Process

NYIT has retained R. William Funk & Associates to consult with the Search Committee on this important search.

While applications and nominations will be accepted until a new Dean is selected, interested parties are encouraged to send their materials to our consultant at the address below by March 1 to assure optimal consideration. Application materials include a current resume and a letter of interest.

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