MEMORANDUM

To: Julie Rogers, Associate Head for Undergraduate Programs

From: David Vaught, Head, Department of History

Date: September 17, 2013

Re: ARCH 345 - History of Building Technology

It has come to our attention that at its September 2, 2013 meeting, the Core Curriculum Council tabled its discussion of ARCH 345 The History of Building Technology to gather more information regarding its suitability for the American History foundational component area of the 2014 Core Curriculum.

When deciding which HIST courses to submit for certification in the 2014 Core Curriculum, we relied on the Texas Legislature’s definition of American History (Section 51.302) and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board’s description of the American History Foundational Component Area. Based on those guidelines, we submitted only seven of our dozens of American history courses for American History foundational component credit; the others, we determined, did not meet the letter or the spirit of the guidelines because they offer more focused, rather than survey-like, considerations of American history. As a consequence we did not propose those more focused courses for inclusion in the 2014 Core Curriculum.

Based on the same criteria, we do not believe that ARCH 345 The History of Building Technology meets the guidelines for inclusion in the 2014 Core Curriculum under the American History foundational component area. When consulted by members of the Core Curriculum Committee, we communicated that position.