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## **Additional Information Request - Program Closure Approval - High Performance Buildings Graduate Certificate**

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October 14, 2024

Dr. Kevin Sightler  
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**Re: SC028316 – Program Closure – Graduate Certificate in High Performance Buildings – Request for Additional Information**

Dear Kevin,

Please find additional requested information regarding the graduate certificate in High Performance Buildings below.

**1. Please provide a description of how prospective students were/will be notified of the closure.**

The School of Architecture offered both a High Performance Buildings concentration, as part of the Master of Architecture Program, and a graduate certificate program in High Performance Buildings. The program began in fall 2010, but was never advertised or used for recruitment. The concentration was added to the Master's program in fall 2012 and has been a healthy recruiting tool popular among students. As of AY 2018-19, no student had participated in the certificate program.

**2. Please provide a description of how the institutional community, including applicants to the program, recruiters, and admissions staff were informed of the program closure.**

On February 20, 2020, Graduate Council approved the closure of the graduate certificate in High Performance Buildings. Because the graduate certificate program in High Performance Buildings had never been advertised and had never received interest from prospective students, recruiters, or admissions staff, the closure of the program was not announced elsewhere. Prospective students and applicants to the Master of Architecture Program who have interest in technical innovation are directed to the High Performance Buildings concentration.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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