Research & Evaluation of DeptArch

DeptArch Staff statistics *[2011]*

Appointment is based on:

- PhD for History, theory, technology
- Portfolio for Art, design & planning

- Current staff : 18 *portfolio* vs 4 *PhD*
- Await.appoint.: 3 *portfolio*
- Adjunct staff : 23 *portfolio* vs 5 *PhD*

Note that 30% of portfolio evaluated staff hold a PhD

Faculty vs adjunct faculty

Setup of DeptArch
- Faculty: 5@2001< 10@2003<16@2006
- Adj.fac.: ~40*[15]*@2005

Present and looking into the future
- Faculty: 18@2010 < 21@2011<24@2013
- Adj.fac.: 28*[10]*@2010 > 10*[3.5]*@2011 > **0@2012**

Approx. 350 students +~150 running over 5yrs

DeptArch cannot function with 24 faculty unless the program is severely revised (cut electives=loosing the relative advantage of the offered diversity!)

Ministry of Education vs Art/Architecture

- PhDs
- Research papers
- citation indices
- publications
- funded research

- Design/artwork
- Installations
- Exhibitions
- Biennale/thesis
- Built projects

DeptArch Assessment Criteria

- "Research"
  - Funded academic research
  - Design work
  - Art work
- Acknowledgment of "Research"

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  - Exhibitions
  - Public speech
  - Jury committee members
  - workshops
- Publications

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  - Exhibition catalogues
  - Architectural & art projects

All info available at www.arch.uth.gr/statistics/

Issues

communication

- Collecting the relevant material
  - Personal attainment (projects/research)
  - Collective production (workshops, conferences, events, etc)
  - Student project work (finalised/cleared up/in presentable format)
- Classification criteria in terms of:
  - Establishing
  - Enforcing and applying to all projects
- Evaluation and assessment

Dept Arch academic development

- Targets set by General Assembly (comprising of 23 staff, 10 UG students, 2PG, 2 admin/tech staff)

- Third evaluation of the department

- Young faculty, well trained, diverse subjects

- Mobility of faculty (mixing teams in studio, moving along academic years)

- Very few PhD candidates - only 2 based in Volos problematic teaching assistance

	Active students	Registered students	faculty	Adjunct fac	Support teaching	technical	support
Condition 2010-2011	320	517	21 & 3 await. plac	28	3	5	5
Projection	300	350	40	5-10	15	15	5

- Can support 60 students pa.
- Ministry sends 80+ (2009 had 90 registrations)
- breakthrough is we're often selected on merit and not proximity over Patras and others
- Reflects on PG applicants (70 for 20 places)
- Communication practices by the dept, special characteristics, up to date webpages featuring an analytical profile and "history" are instrumental in prospect student preference.

Conclusions

Strong Points – capabilities

- Strong curriculum agenda (inter-scientific approach, new technologies, theory, environmental and strong visual art dimensions)
- High level of students (A-level)
- Active, young and well trained staff
- Extensive staff collaborations
- High relative levels of graduate employment
- High degree of graduate awards (competitions, highly valued PG courses abroad)
- Positive dept. profile to local community through events and activities organised
- Building infrastructure sufficient for current needs

Weak points – Problems

- Low degree of participation in funded research (objective difficulties due to subject)
- Lacking in Laboratories (2 active, 2 not yet approved by the Ministry)
- Lacking in lab equipment in particular areas of research that can be supported by staff
- Severe lack of space for expansion (lecture rooms, labs, office space)
- Inefficient HVAC
- Lack of new recruit, reduction of adjunct staff
- Insufficient numbers of support/admin staff
- Small number of PhD students
- Very small & declining government funding

Opportunities

- PG programme with invited international researchers/architects/artists . High level of PG students
- Connection with local community and bodies regarding architectural /urban/environmental research
- Development of postgraduate research, increase PhD students
- Development of international links and collaborations
- Collaboration with other UTH depts.

Threats

- Saturation of the "market" for new architects with the proposition of 2 more new depts of architecture in Ioannina and Kastoria (NW Greece) – 8 depts in total!
- Ministry of Education statement that it will stop offering new staff posts to existing departments
- Dept is still supported on volatile funds (TSMEDE) for extra personnel
- Increased number of incoming students