

NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH DEPARTMENTS
IN THE HILLIER COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Institute of Technology ("NJIT") established the Hillier College of Architecture & Design ("HCAD"), comprising the New Jersey School of Architecture ("NJSOA") and the School of Art + Design ("SA+D"); and

WHEREAS, the schools within HCAD have evolved administratively, initially led by Program Directors and School Directors appointed by the Dean, without direct faculty input; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, following leadership transitions within the college, HCAD faculty initiated discussions to adopt an academic departmental structure to strengthen shared governance and align more closely with university standards; and

WHEREAS, during Academic Year ("AY") 22-23, HCAD faculty voted to approve the establishment of departments and undertook a phased transition process with guidance from the Office of the Provost and Faculty Senate, approving interim changes allowing School Directors to serve as Interim Chairs; and

WHEREAS, during AY23-24 department bylaws and documents detailing teaching assignment criteria and promotion and tenure criteria were drafted; and

WHEREAS, during AY24-25 department bylaws, teaching assignment criteria, and promotion and tenure criteria were approved by the HCAD faculty and the Faculty Senate approved a resolution to support HCAD establishing departments, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Jersey Institute of Technology Board of Trustees hereby approves the establishment of academic departments within the Hillier College of Architecture & Design, effective immediately, facilitating the election of permanent Chairs for the New Jersey School of Architecture and the School of Art + Design to further enhance shared governance, academic alignment, and administrative effectiveness.



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