

APPENDIX II: ADVISOR AGREEMENT FORM

5th Year Students in CMU's professional Bachelor of Architecture program are encouraged to pursue a year-long, 36-unit, research-based "thesis." Early in the fall semester each student is required to compose an "Advising Team" of at least three advisors: their fall studio instructor (recommended), plus at least two more persons with appropriate expertise to guide the ideas and project. In order to promote new ideas, inter-disciplinary thinking, and/or greater relevance in the community or profession, we strongly encourage students to work with non-studio faculty from the School of Architecture, instructors in other departments at CMU, Pitt, or elsewhere, or experts in the community. This form is intended to document the advising team.

Advisors should agree to work with the student for the entire year, though the intensity and nature of the advising may change. All three advisors should participate in the grading and final evaluation of the student work. Although intended to be a year-long endeavor, permission to continue past the December break is contingent upon the full-approval of the advising team, the coordinator, and the SoArch faculty. The advisors should work as a team, defining, mentoring, and evaluating the process and results as they see fit and appropriate for the particular topic and student. In order to respect the different schedules and types of advising that students may seek out, we set only a minimum participation for each official advisor: to meet as an advising group twice each semester, at mid-review (week of Oct. 21) and final review (Dec. 4). At these meetings the student will "defend" the "thesis" and discuss the relevant ideas with the advising team already familiar with the project, as well as guests. Where in-person reviews are not possible, we will make special arrangements about the date or meet virtually.

For more info on the course/project, see: <http://www.andrew.cmu.edu/course/48-509/>. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Thesis Coordinator: Kai Gutschow, gutschow@andrew.cmu.edu.

Student Name: _____

Student Email: _____

Title: _____

Website / Blog: _____

Advisor 1 Name: _____

Signature: _____

Advisor 2 Name: _____

Signature: _____

Advisor 3 Name: _____

Signature: _____