July 21, 2009

John T. Casteen, III, President
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Dear President Casteen:

At the July 2009 meeting of the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), the board reviewed the Visiting Team Report for the University of Virginia, Department of Architecture and Landscape Architecture.

The board noted the concerns of the visiting team regarding program self-assessment, human resources, financial resources, non-western traditions, human diversity, construction cost control and architectural practice.

As a result, the professional architecture program:

**Master of Architecture**

was formally granted a six-year term of accreditation with the stipulation that a focused evaluation be scheduled in three years to look only at the following Conditions and the progress that has been made in each area:

2. Program Self-Assessment
6. Human Resources
10. Financial Resources

The accreditation term is effective January 1, 2009. The program is scheduled for its next full accreditation visit in 2015. The **focused evaluation** is scheduled for calendar year 2012. For more information on focused evaluations, please see Section 6 of the 2009 Procedures for Accreditation.

Continuing accreditation is subject to the submission of Annual Reports. Annual Reports are submitted online through the NAAB’s Annual Report Submission system and are due by November 30 of each year. These reports have two parts:

**Part I (Annual Statistical Report)** captures statistical information on the institution in which a program is located and the degree program.

**Part II (Narrative Report)** is the narrative report in which a program responds to the most recent Visiting Team Report (VTR). The narrative must address Section 1.4 Conditions Not Met and Section 1.5 Causes of Concern of the VTR. Part II also includes a description of changes to the program that may be of interest to subsequent visiting teams or to the NAAB.

If an acceptable Annual Report is not submitted to the NAAB by January 15, 2010, the NAAB may consider advancing the schedule for the program’s next full visit. A complete description of the Annual Report process can be found in Section 10 of the NAAB Procedures for Accreditation, 2009 Edition.
Finally, under the terms of the 2009 Procedures for Accreditation, programs are required to make the Architecture Program Report, the VTR, and related documents available to the public. Please see Section 3, Paragraph 8 (page 18) for additional information.

The visiting team has asked me to express its appreciation for your gracious hospitality.

Very truly yours,

Douglas L. Steidl, FAIA
President

cc: Craig Barton, Chair
    Marilyns R. Nepomechie, FAIA, Visiting Team Chair
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Enclosed