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Dear Professor Ryan:

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) at its July 10, 2023, meeting granted accreditation for a period of six (6) years to the course of study leading to the professional BSLA degree at University of Massachusetts Amherst. This status is subject to review of annual reports and maintenance of good standing.

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Accreditation is awarded on a time-certain basis. The six-year period of accreditation ends June 30, 2029. Accordingly, the BLA program at University of Massachusetts Amherst is next scheduled for a review during the spring of 2029.

In making its decision, LAAB considered the program's self-evaluation report, the visiting team's report, and the program's response to the report.

ASLA Representative

Kona Gray, FASLA
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There are no recommendations affecting accreditation.

On behalf of the visiting team, I would like to thank you for the hospitality extended to them by the faculty, staff, and students.

CELA Representative

Roxi Thoren., ASLA
LAAB Chair-Elect
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Juanita Shearer-Swink".

Juanita Shearer-Swink, FASLA
LAAB Chair

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Enclosure

cc: Javier A Reyes, Ph.D., Chancellor

**University of Massachusetts
BSLA Program
LAAB Meeting
July 10, 2023**

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations Affecting Accreditation

There are no recommendations affecting accreditation.