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Dear Professor Yocom:

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) at its March 14-15, 2022, meeting granted accreditation for a period of six (6) years to the course of study leading to the professional MLA degree at University of Washington. This status is subject to review of an interim report to be submitted by December 1, 2023, together with annual reports and maintenance of good standing.

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The interim report should provide an update on each Recommendation Affecting Accreditation (RAA) in order to demonstrate compliance, or steps towards compliance, with the respective standard. In accordance with LAAB policy, programs have up to two years to resolve their RAA(s). Upon receipt of the two-year Interim Report, the LAAB will accept that the RAA(s) have been addressed or, if not, the program will be given two more years to resolve the issues. A second Interim Report will be due to the LAAB on or before four years from the receipt of this Accreditation Action Letter. If the RAA(s) are not successfully resolved or, in the case of longer term issues, substantial and verifiable progress has not been made at that time (after four years from this Accreditation Action Letter) then the program may be moved to provisional status, it may be suspended, or in some cases the program's accreditation may be revoked.

ASLA Representative

Kona Gray, FASLA  
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Accreditation is awarded on a time-certain basis. The six-year period of accreditation ends December 31, 2027. Accordingly, the MLA program at University of Washington is next scheduled for a review during the fall of 2027.

CELA Representative

Roxi Thoren., ASLA  
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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.

CLARB Representative

Christine Anderson, ASLA, PLA  
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Enclosed is a list of recommendations affecting accreditation (to be responded to in the interim report via the process laid out above) and an Interim Reporting template. This list was developed by LAAB from the materials reviewed during the meeting.

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

Sincerely,

*Lynn M. Ewanow*

Lynn Ewanow  
LAAB Chair

Enclosure

cc: Ana Mari Cauce, President

**University of Washington  
MLA Program  
LAAB Meeting  
March 14-15, 2022**

**SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Recommendations Affecting Accreditation**

1. Continue the development of the cohesion of the digital instruction, studio framework, and construction series courses (Standard 3).
2. Review all syllabi for consistency and clear measurable learning outcomes (Standard 3).

**Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board**

**Interim Report**

**Submitted By:**

**Submission Date:**

**Section 1.**

**Name of Institution:**

**Name of Department:**

**Name of Program:**

**Date of Decision Letter:**

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**Section 2.**

**Recommendation Affecting Accreditation:** (Copy/paste verbatim the Recommendation Affecting Accreditation identified in the Decision Letter that is the subject of this Report and attach the Decision Letter. If Decision Letter identified more than one (1) Recommendation Affecting Accreditation, complete an Interim Report for each Recommendation.)

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**Section 3.**

**Action Taken by Program:** (Describe the action taken by the Program to address the Recommendation Affecting Accreditation identified in Section 2 of this Report. Attach any appropriate documentation that supports the action taken by the Program)

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**Section 4.**

**Prior Action Taken by Program:** (If applicable, attach any prior Interim Report related to the Recommendation Affecting Accreditation described in Section 2 of this Report)