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Dear Professor Doherty:

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) at its July 7-8, 2022, meeting granted accreditation for a period of six (6) years to the course of study leading to the professional MLA degree at Harvard University. This status is subject to review of an interim report to be submitted by June 1, 2023, together with annual reports and maintenance of good standing.

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The interim report should provide an update, with documentation demonstrating compliance when necessary, 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.

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Accreditation is awarded on a time-certain basis. The six-year period of accreditation ends June 30, 2028. Accordingly, the MLA program at Harvard University is next scheduled for a review during the spring of 2028.

CLARB Representative

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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.

Director

Kristopher Pritchard

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.

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: Lawrence S. Bacow, President

**Harvard University  
MLA Program  
LAAB Meeting  
July 7-8, 2022**

**SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Recommendations Affecting Accreditation**

1. Demonstrate that the MLA II degree meets Minimum Requirements for Achieving and Maintaining Accredited Status #3 (b) for advanced placement of up to one academic year of study which includes having a clearly articulated policy and criteria for advanced placement and demonstrates how the professional program determines whether an applicant meets the criteria. If it does not meet Minimum Requirements, than the MLA II should be renamed to MS in LA or MA in LA as outlined in Minimum Requirement #4 (Minimum Requirements).

**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)