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Dear Professor Butler,

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB), at its meeting on June 22, 2026, granted accreditation for a period of six (6) years to the course of study leading to the professional BSLA degree at West Virginia University. This status is subject to review of annual reports and maintenance of good standing.

Accreditation is awarded on a time-certain basis. The six-year period of accreditation ends June 30, 2032. Accordingly, the BSLA program at West Virginia University is next scheduled for a review during the spring of 2032.

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.

There were no preliminary findings reported by the visiting team.

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,

Weimin Li, Ph.D., ASLA

LAAB Chair

Enclosure

cc: Michael T. Benson, President

**West Virginia University
BSLA Program
LAAB Meeting
June 22, 2026**

SUMMARY OF DETERMINATIONS OF NONCOMPLIANCE

Determinations of Noncompliance

There are no Determinations of Noncompliance.