Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board Report

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board met on February 24-25, 2012.

The LAAB made the following accreditation decisions:

Granted initial accreditation for three years (due to expire on December 31, 2014) to:

Arizona State University – course of study leading to the first professional MLA degree

Granted initial accreditation for six years (due to expire on December 31, 2017) to:

Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico – course of study leading to the first professional MLA degree
University of Maryland – course of study leading to the first professional MLA degree

Granted accreditation for six years (due to expire on December 31, 2017) to:

North Carolina A & T State University – course of study leading to the first professional BSLA degree
University of Georgia – course of study leading to the first professional BLA degree
University of Texas at Arlington – course of study leading to the first professional MLA degree
University of Virginia – course of study leading to the first professional MLA degree

Granted provisional accreditation for two years (due to expire on December 31, 2013 to:

North Dakota State University – course of study leading to the first professional BLA degree

Granted candidacy status to:

Temple University – course of study leading to the first professional MLA degree
Washington University – course of study leading to the first professional MLA degree

The LAAB thanks the following members of the Roster of Visiting Evaluators (ROVE) who participated as visiting team members (team chairs in bold):

Arizona State University – Kay Williams, FASLA, Lorraine Davis and Juanita Shearer-Swink, FASLA
North Carolina A & T State University – Mark Westa, ASLA, Vini Nathan and Bill Eubanks, FASLA
North Dakota State University – Ned Crankshaw, ASLA, Lynn Ewanow and Richard Ciardella, ASLA
Puerto Rico Polytechnic State University – Richard Hawks, FASLA, David Tulloch, ASLA and Ramon Murray, ASLA
University of Georgia – Sadik Artunc, FASLA, David Baird and Paul M. Davis, ASLA
University of Maryland – Alf Simon, FCSLA, Dana Dunn and Chuck Smith, ASLA
University of Texas at Arlington – Mark Hoversten, FASLA, Tina Gurucharri, ASLA and Robby Layton, FASLA
University of Virginia – Claudia Goetz Phillips, ASLA, David W. Hinson and Glenn Walters, ASLA
Temple University – Bernie Dahl, FASLA
Washington University - Joe Crystal, FASLA

LAAB implemented new accreditation standards in the fall of 2010. The number of standards has been reduced from nine to seven and each standard is followed by criteria and assessments. LAAB completed new documents for visiting team guidelines, visiting team report template and guidelines for submitting student work. Also at the meeting the Board welcomed two new public members, Gennady Schwartz of the City of Baltimore Department of Recreation and Parks and attorney Linda Battram from Claremont, California and Ellis Antunez, FASLA as the representative from the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards. Gary Kesler, FALA from the Pennsylvania State University was appointed as the third educator member of LAAB.
Currently, LAAB accredits at least one program at 66 institutions in the United States. There are 41 accredited MLA programs and 45 accredited undergraduate programs. In addition to the accredited programs there are 5 programs (3 MLA and 2 undergraduate) that have achieved candidacy status. A program that has candidacy status has made a commitment to apply for initial accreditation within 12 months of its first graduating class.

To review LAAB documents, the list of accredited programs or information on how to apply to the Roster of Visiting Evaluators (ROVE – the site visitor selection pool) visit the: LAAB website.