

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](#).