



*Advocating, advancing, and evaluating quality education in Landscape Architecture*

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Professor and Department Chair  
Department of Landscape Architecture  
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Seattle, Washington

Dear Dr. Hou:

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) at its July 22-23, 2016 meeting granted accreditation for a period of six (6) years to the course of study leading to the first professional MLA degree at University of Washington. 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, 2022. Accordingly, the MLA program is next scheduled for a review during the spring of 2022.

In making its decision, LAAB considered the program's self-evaluation report, the visiting team report, the institution's response to the team report, and discussions with team members and program faculty.

Enclosed is a list of recommendations affecting accreditation (to be responded to in annual reports). 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Kesler', is written over a light-colored rectangular background.

Gary Kesler, FASLA  
LAAB Chair

Enclosure

cc: Ana Mari Cauce, President

**University of Washington  
MLA Program  
LAAB Meeting  
July 22-23, 2016**

**SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Recommendations Affecting Accreditation**

1. The role of technology and construction courses (materials, landforms, construction documentation and implementation, and contract law) and other core knowledge in the curriculum needs examination and improvement (Standard 3).