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Dear Professor Bruck:

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) at its December 20, 2019 meeting considered the deferred action taken at the August 2020 meeting on the initial accreditation of the course of study leading to the professional BLA degree at the University of Delaware and decided to grant initial accreditation for a period of six (6) years. This status is subject to review of a satisfactory progress report to be submitted by June 1, 2021, together with annual reports and maintenance of good standing.

The interim report should provide an update 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 will be given 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 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 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.

Accreditation is awarded on a time-certain basis. The six-year period of accreditation ends June 30, 2025. Accordingly, the BLA program at University of Delaware is next scheduled for a review during the spring of 2025.

In making its decision, LAAB considered the institution's response to the accreditation deferral letter, the program's self-evaluation report, the visiting team's report, and the program's response to the report.

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,



Joy Lyndes, ASLA
LAAB Chair

Enclosure

cc: Dennis Assanis, Ph.D., President

**University of Delaware
BLA Program
LAAB Meeting
December 20, 2019**

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations Affecting Accreditation

1. Develop the list of strategic goals into a formalized strategic plan with clear objectives, steps for implementation, and —coordinated with the schedule for strategic planning meetings—time horizons for assessment. (Standard 1).
2. The program should carry out a thorough curriculum review, looking at the course content and sequences in studios, history/theory, site engineering, plants/ecology, construction technology and digital technology. The major goals should focus on (Standard 3):
 - increasing studio hours,
 - increasing theory content, and
 - increasing the number of hours, within the 120 hours required for the degree, for LA discipline-specific courses.

Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board

Interim Report

Date:

Section 1.

Name of Institution:

Name of Department:

Name of Program:

Date of Decision Letter:

Section 2.

Recommendation Affecting Accreditation: (Describe 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.)

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)