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Jules Bruck, PhD, PLA, SITES AP  
Associate Professor & Director of Landscape Architecture  
Plant and Soil Sciences Department  
College of Agriculture & Natural Resources  
University of Delaware  
Newark, Delaware

Dear Dr. Bruck:

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) at its February 16-17, 2018 meeting granted candidacy status to the course of study leading to the first professional BSLA degree at University of Delaware. This status is subject to review of annual reports and maintenance of good standing.

Candidacy is an accreditation classification granted to any program which is in the planning or early stages of development or an intermediate stage of program implementation. This accreditation classification provides evidence to the educational institution, licensing bodies, and the public that at the time of evaluation, the developing education program appears to have the potential for meeting the standards set forth in the requirements for an accredited educational program in landscape architecture.

After achieving candidacy status, a program must apply for initial accreditation within one year of its first graduating class. The program is required to communicate with LAAB when the known date of the first graduating class will occur. If initial accreditation is not granted, the program can retain its candidacy status for one additional year.

In making its decision, LAAB considered the program's self-evaluation report, the candidacy review report, and the institution's response to that report.

On behalf of the program evaluator, I would like to thank you for the hospitality extended to him by the faculty, staff, and students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kenneth R. Brooks'.

Kenneth Brooks, FASLA, FCELA  
LAAB Chair

Enclosure

cc: Dennis Assanis, President

**University of Delaware  
BSLA Program  
LAAB Meeting  
February 16-17, 2018**

**SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Recommendations Affecting Accreditation**

1. The Department of Plant and Soil Sciences should incorporate new language into its procedures, bylaws, or rules of operation to describe the function of the director of the landscape architecture program in order to clarify that person's role in faculty review, hiring, budgeting, and general oversight of the program (Standard 2).

**Considerations For Improvement**

1. The program should continue to develop its website so that program information is more easily reached by the public seeking program information (Standard 1).
2. The program should consider increasing the faculty number by 1 FTE to relieve the burden on the existing faculty to assist in other endeavors necessary to promote the new BSLA program (Standard 2).
3. The program should diligently continue its efforts to recruit new students into the program (Standard 2).
4. The program should consider upgrading furnishings for the studios as soon as practical (Standard 7).