



Advocating, advancing, and evaluating quality education in Landscape Architecture

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Dear Professor Lawson:

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The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board at its July 27-28, 2012 meeting granted accreditation to the course of study leading to the first professional BSLA degree at Rutgers – The State University of New Jersey. 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, 2018. Accordingly, the BSLA program is next scheduled for a review during the spring of 2018.

Public Representatives

Linda Battram
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In making its decision, the 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) and suggestions for improvement (to be responded to in annual reports). This list was developed by LAAB from the materials reviewed during the meeting.

ASLA Representative

David H. Walters, ASLA

On behalf of the visiting team, I would like to thank you for the hospitality extended to them by the faculty, staff, and students.

CELA Representative

Mary Myers, Ph.D., ASLA
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Sincerely,

CLARB Representative

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Enclosure

cc: Dr. Richard L. McCormick, President

**Rutgers – The State University of New Jersey
BSLA Program
LAAB Meeting
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Summary of Recommendations and Suggestions

Recommendations Affecting Accreditation:

None

Suggestions for Improvement:

1. In the on-going process of curricular re-assessment consider the opportunities relevant to the profession offered in other departments of SEBS (Standard 3).
2. Establish an alumni/ae advisory board to support faculty, promote the Department and provide additional avenues of communication with practicing professionals (Standard 6).
3. Complete the renovations and improvements to Blake Hall in a timely fashion (Standard 7).