

Honorary Membership Nomination Narrative

Nominee: Lorraine G. Davis, Ph.D., Special Assistant to the President and Provost,
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It is my pleasure to nominate Lorraine Davis of the University of Oregon for Honorary Membership in ASLA, in recognition of her remarkable participation in the accreditation process for landscape architecture programs over the past twenty five years. As a member of the Roster of Visiting Evaluators (ROVE) for the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB), Lorraine has served as the administrator for visits to over 25 degree programs. For those unaware of the process, a ROVE team is usually made up of three members: an academic from landscape architecture, and practitioner from landscape architecture, and an academic administrator from any background. Lorraine has been filling this position of odd-man-out for a quarter of a century.

Lorraine and I first worked together when we were assigned to the same accreditation visit in the fall of 2012. We spent four days with other colleagues visiting a small landscape architecture program that was under review for initial accreditation. Each member of this team had devoted time to study the self-evaluation report that the administrators, faculty, staff and students had prepared prior to our arrival. ROVE visits include meetings on campus all day and writing the preliminary report in the evenings. It is intensive work and involves long days away from home and family and more hours at home before and after the visit working as well. This was only my second accreditation visit and I was impressed to learn that Lorraine, with no other connection to landscape architecture, had been doing one of these visits every year since the late 80's. That's approximately 100 days devoted to our profession's accreditation visits, excluding the preparation and follow up time involved with each visit.

During that visit, Lorraine and I realized that our paths had crossed previously. I was a student at Oklahoma State University in 1989 and Lorraine was on the ROVE team visiting our program there for accreditation review. I do not remember her from that visit, but imagining her there prior to the start of my career reinforced to me, a mid-career professional, how much time she had committed to landscape architecture education.

Lorraine Davis is exceptional in her chosen profession of academic administration. Her accolades are many and her curriculum vitae is lengthy, and reflects a career rich with accomplishment. She is an established scholar, administrator and teacher. She received her Ph.D. in Health Education with special preparation in statistics, research, curriculum and special population from the University of Oregon. In 1990 she began her lengthy successful positions in the Provost Office at the same university. She has held many high ranking academic administrative positions including Interim Athletic Director in 2009. She is presently the Special Assistant to the President and Provost at the University of Oregon. That Lorraine has been willing to bring the same level of professionalism and commitment to ASLA while accomplishing so much in her own field makes her contributions that much more remarkable.

Landscape architecture education is better because of Lorraine Davis. She is very aware, far more so than many of us, of the standards that LAAB maintains and measures our academic institutions against. She continues to serve landscape architecture in this capacity of academic administrator on ROVE visits and looks and sounds like one of us. She deserves to be recognized for her generosity and commitment to the betterment of our education programs.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination. I hope you will acknowledge Lorraine Davis' service to our society, our profession, our academic programs and our students with Honorary Membership in ASLA.



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March 2, 2015

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Dear Trustees,

It is a great honor to recommend Dr. Lorraine Davis for honorary membership in membership in ASLA in recognition of her working with ROVE and LAAB over many years. She has been an extraordinary university citizen and has, as you can see through her CV, led in almost every arena on the campus, from faculty to Provost. Her service is unparalleled. She takes on any position if it is about institution building. She has been an unbelievable mentor for tens of leaders. My experience from the day I arrived on campus has been one of great camaraderie, with rigorous engagement on what it means to support those around you while setting ambitious agendas. Dr. Davis has been my guide, as she has been for many others.

Dr. Lorraine Davis is an individual who is selfless, dedicated to the success of her University, and to the larger condition of learning. She deserves any award that recognizes public intellectuals devoted to scholarly pursuits and the public good.

Sincerely,

Frances Bronet
Acting Senior Vice President and Provost
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Re: Letter of Support for Dr. Lorraine Davis' nomination for ASLA Honorary Membership

Dear Trustees,

It is with a distinct pleasure and highest confidence, I am writing this letter of support for Dr. Lorraine Davis who has been serving as a member visiting teams for accreditation of the LAAB.

I worked with her in one visit and corresponded on several others. I strongly believe that Dr. Davis has truly distinguished herself during her service as a member of ROVE (Roster of Visiting Evaluators) in several areas:

1. Dedication – She is always prepared for her visits by taking all the necessary time to get herself completely familiarized with the institution she is about to visit and the program into all the details by reading the self-evaluation report, checking web sites of the program and institution and cross checking their reports with the fact she gathers during the visit. I have personally done more than a dozen accreditation visits with several non-landscape architect team members representing administration, there were no other team members even close to her dedication before, during and after the accreditation visits.
2. Knowledge and appreciation of the profession – Dr. Davis has a very respectable and comprehensive understanding and appreciation of the professions of landscape architecture and she has a full comprehension of traditional, present, and emerging knowledge, skills and abilities of the profession of landscape architecture. I had some enlightening conversations with her about the future of the profession and all practice types whether they are in education, private or public practice, and the role of the

profession and reasons for limited public recognition and visibility. These conversations were extremely well grounded by her research of the profession, her work as a Provost in the University of Oregon, and her personal interest in planning and design.

3. Service to the profession – Although she is no longer serving as the Provost, Dr. Davis has continue to have a high level administrative assignment which keeps her very busy in her institution, she has been very willing to accommodate numerous requests for assistance and role in the LAAB accreditation visits. It is amazing to find many other high level university administrators who are willing to take time from their busy schedules to participate in accreditation visits that take no less than five days. I can only explain her willingness to contribute by her desire to stay engaged in the profession and the future of the environment which she believes that our profession will continue to play a key role.

I can write many more attributes and points to illustrate why Dr. Davis is a highly deserving candidate. Instead, I will make one final point is that I sincerely hope that ASLA would be recognizing Dr. Lorraine Davis who has been a dedicated, well informed and positioned individual has already been serving as an envoy of the profession by bestowing honorary membership to her so that next accreditation visit, she may have Dr. Lorraine Davis, Hon. ASLA in her title.

Please, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions and/or need additional information.

Sincerely,



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