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Dear Professor Riehm:

At its October 18-19, 2024, meeting, the Board of Directors of the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) reviewed the Plan to Correct submitted by the Master of Architecture degree (168 credit hours) at University of Louisiana at Lafayette and voted to defer action and require a Plan to Correct to address all remaining areas of non-compliance.

The Board noted that the program submitted sufficient evidence to demonstrate compliance with the following Conditions for Accreditation previously noted as “not met”:

- SC.6 Building Integration
- 5.1 Structure and Governance
- 6.6 Student Financial Information

The Board noted that the program did not submit sufficient evidence to demonstrate compliance with the following Conditions:

- SC.2 Professional Practice
- 5.2 Planning and Assessment

The Board’s review is included below:

**SC.2 Professional Practice**—How the program ensures that students understand professional ethics, the regulatory requirements, the fundamental business processes relevant to architecture practice in the United States, and the forces influencing change in these subjects.

**Not Met.** *The program did not provide sufficient information to meet the requirements of this Condition. The program needs to provide evidence that each student learning outcome associated with this criterion is developed and assessed by the program on a recurring basis.*

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**SC.6 Building Integration**—How the program ensures that students develop the ability to make design decisions within architectural projects while demonstrating integration of building envelope systems and assemblies, structural systems, environmental control systems, life safety systems, and the measurable outcomes of building performance.

***Met.** The program provided sufficient information to meet the requirements of this criterion. The program provided evidence of how the program achieves and assesses student ability to make design decisions within architectural projects while demonstrating integration of building envelope systems and assemblies, structural systems, environmental control systems, life safety systems, and the measurable outcomes of building performance. Student work provided evidence that the program ensures through an effective assessment process that students develop this ability.*

## 5.1 Structure and Governance

The program must describe the administrative and governance processes that provide for organizational continuity, clarity, and fairness and allow for improvement and change.

- 5.1.1 **Administrative Structure:** Describe the administrative structure and identify key personnel in the program and school, college, and institution.
- 5.1.2 **Governance:** Describe the role of faculty, staff, and students in both program and institutional governance structures and how these structures relate to the governance structures of the academic unit and the institution.

***Met.** The program provided sufficient information to meet the requirements of this Condition. The programs described administrative and governance processes that provide for organizational continuity, clarity, and fairness and allow for improvement and change.*

## 5.2 Planning and Assessment

The program must demonstrate that it has a planning process for continuous improvement that identifies:

- 5.2.1 The program’s multiyear strategic objectives, including the requirement to meet the NAAB Conditions, as part of the larger institutional strategic planning and assessment efforts.
- 5.2.2 Key performance indicators used by the unit and the institution.
- 5.2.3 How well the program is progressing toward its mission and stated multiyear objectives.
- 5.2.4 Strengths, challenges, and opportunities faced by the program as it strives to continuously improve learning outcomes and opportunities.
- 5.2.5 Ongoing outside input from others, including practitioners.

The program must also demonstrate that it regularly uses the results of self-assessments to advise and encourage changes and adjustments that promote student and faculty success.

***Not Met.** The program did not provide sufficient information to meet the requirements of this Condition. The program needs to provide evidence that it has a planning process for continuous improvement that identifies:*

- *The program’s multiyear strategic objectives, including the requirement to meet the NAAB Conditions, as part of the larger institutional strategic planning and assessment efforts.*
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- *Key performance indicators used by the unit and the institution.*
- *How well the program is progressing toward its mission and stated multiyear objectives.*
- *Strengths, challenges, and opportunities faced by the program as it strives to continuously improve learning outcomes and opportunities.*
- *Ongoing outside input from others, including practitioners.*

- *Evidence that demonstrated that it regularly uses the results of self-assessments to advise and encourage changes and adjustments that promote student and faculty success.*

## **6.6 Student Financial Information**

- 6.6.1 The program must demonstrate that students have access to current resources and advice for making decisions about financial aid.
- 6.6.2 The program must demonstrate that students have access to an initial estimate for all tuition, fees, books, general supplies, and specialized materials that may be required during the full course of study for completing the NAAB-accredited degree program.

***Met.** The program provided sufficient information to meet the requirements of this Condition. The program provided evidence that students have access to current resources and advice for making decisions about financial aid, including an initial estimate for all tuition, fees, books, general supplies, and specialized materials that may be required for the full course of study.*

The program is required to submit a Plan to Correct demonstrating compliance with the Conditions noted as “not met,” by **June 30, 2025**.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions at [accreditation@naab.org](mailto:accreditation@naab.org).

Sincerely,



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President