Greetings,

At their July 2016 meeting, the directors of the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), reviewed the Visiting Team Report (VTR) for the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

On behalf of the Board, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that the Master of Architecture degree program was granted an eight-year term of accreditation. The term is effective January 1, 2016; the program is scheduled for its next visit for continuing accreditation in 2024.

Please be reminded that continuing accreditation is predicated on two reporting requirements:

a) Annual Statistical Reports. This report captures statistical information on the institution and the program. The next statistical report is due on or before November 30, 2016.

b) Interim Progress Reports. Programs that receive an eight-year term of accreditation must submit an Interim Progress Report (IPR) two years after a visit and again five years after the visit. University of Massachusetts at Amherst first interim progress report is due November 30, 2018. There is more information on the IPR process in Section 10 of the 2015 NAAB Procedures for Accreditation.

Finally, public dissemination of both the Architecture Program Report and the Visiting Team Report is a Condition of accreditation. These documents must be made public electronically in their entirety. Please see Condition II.4.4 of the 2014 Conditions for Accreditation and Section 5, of NAAB Procedures for Accreditation, 2015 Edition.

On the behalf of the NAAB and the visiting team, thank you for your support of accreditation in architectural education.

Very truly yours,

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