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Brad Goetz
Program Director and Professor
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Dear Professor Goetz:

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) at its August 2-3, 2019 meeting granted accreditation for a period of six (6) years to the course of study leading to the first professional BSLA degree at Colorado State University. This status is subject to review of an interim report to be submitted by June 1, 2021 and annual reports and maintenance of good standing.

The interim report should provide an update on each Recommendation Affecting Accreditation (RAA) in order to demonstrate compliance, or steps towards compliance, with the respective standard. Programs will be given up to two years to resolve their RAA(s). Upon receipt of the two-year Interim Report, the LAAB will accept that the RAA(s) have been addressed or, if not, the program will be given two more years to resolve the issues. For any RAA(s) that have not been resolved, a second Interim Report will be due to the LAAB on or before four years from the receipt of the Action Letter. If the RAAs are not successfully resolved or, in the case of longer term issues, substantial and verifiable progress has not been made at that time (after four years from the Action Letter) then the program may be moved to provisional status, it may be suspended, or in some cases the program's accreditation may be revoked.

Accreditation is awarded on a time-certain basis. As stated in the LAAB Accreditation Standards, the grant of accreditation will begin from the originally scheduled review date regardless of any rescheduling of the program's site visit. Therefore, the six-year period of accreditation ends June 30, 2024 due to the one year delayed visit. Accordingly, the BSLA program is next scheduled for a review during the spring of 2024.

In making its decision, LAAB considered the program's self-evaluation report, the visiting team report, and the program's response to the report.

Enclosed is a list of recommendations affecting accreditation (to be responded to in an interim report) and an Interim Reporting template. This list was developed by LAAB from the materials reviewed during the meeting.

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

Sincerely,



Rodney Swink, FASLA, PLA
LAAB Chair

Enclosure

cc: Joyce E. McConnell, President

**Colorado State University
BSLA Program
LAAB Meeting
August 2-3, 2019**

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations Affecting Accreditation

1. The program should bring student-faculty ratios into alignment with the LAAB standard of 15:1, potentially using adjunct, affiliate, and/or joint appointment faculty members to supplement the core landscape architecture program faculty (Standard 1).

Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board

Interim Report

Date:

Section 1.

Name of Institution:

Name of Department:

Name of Program:

Date of Decision Letter:

Section 2.

Recommendation Affecting Accreditation: (Describe verbatim the Recommendation Affecting Accreditation identified in the Decision Letter that is the subject of this Report and attach the Decision Letter. If Decision Letter identified more than one (1) Recommendation Affecting Accreditation, complete an Interim Report for each Recommendation.)

Section 3.

Action Taken by Program: (Describe the action taken by the Program to address the Recommendation Affecting Accreditation identified in Section 2 of this Report. Attach any appropriate documentation that supports the action taken by the Program)