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Dear Professor González Robles,

At its July 31–August 1, 2025, meeting, the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) reviewed the Universidad Ana G. Méndez (UAGM) Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture (BSLA) program. The board considered the program's self-evaluation report, the visiting team's report, the program's response to that report, and the program's waiver request and voted to defer action until a future LAAB meeting.

The board carefully reviewed UAGM's waiver request regarding the faculty full-time equivalent (FTE) requirements. The request outlined the steps being taken to ensure that the quality of education remains uncompromised. Specifically, the waiver noted the institution's approval of a third full-time faculty position, with a faculty member holding a professional degree in landscape architecture expected to begin in Fall 2025.

While LAAB commends the program for submitting a thorough and well-documented waiver request, approval of the waiver is contingent upon the successful hiring of this third faculty member. **Accordingly, the board requests that UAGM provide documentation, no later than October 3, 2025, confirming the appointment of a new full-time faculty member with a professional degree in landscape architecture who has officially started work.**

A decision on the waiver is necessary before LAAB can render a final decision on the program's renewal of accreditation. At this time, the board was unable to take final action and therefore voted to defer until UAGM responds to the waiver contingency. Once the requested documentation is received, the board will convene virtually to complete its review and issue a final action letter outlining its decision, timeline, and future expectations.

The program's submission should be sent to Kristopher Pritchard, LAAB Director, at [kpritchard@asla.org](mailto:kpritchard@asla.org). Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Weimin Li', with a stylized, cursive script.

Weimin Li, Ph.D., ASLA  
LAAB Chair

Enclosure

cc: Dr. José F. Méndez Méndez, President