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August 30, 2016

Baldev Lamba, RLA, ASLA
Program Chair
Department Landscape Architecture and Horticulture
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Temple University
Ambler, Pennsylvania

Dear Professor Lamba:

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) at its July 22-23, 2016 meeting granted accreditation for a period of six (6) years to the course of study leading to the first professional BSLA degree at Temple University. This status is subject to review satisfactory progress report to be submitted by July 1, 2018 and annual reports and maintenance of good standing.

Accreditation is awarded on a time-certain basis. The six-year period of accreditation ends June 30, 2022. Accordingly, the BSLA program is next scheduled for a review during the spring of 2022.

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

Enclosed is a list of recommendations affecting accreditation (to be responded to in annual reports). This list was developed by LAAB from the materials reviewed during the meeting.

Given the department's recent administrative shift from Liberal Arts to the Tyler School of Arts, a move that presents opportunities for stronger alliances with programs in architecture, planning and environmental design, LAAB reminds the program of the need for the department to develop a strategic plan – a deficiency that has been cited in the past two accreditation review cycles. Therefore, the program is required to submit a satisfactory progress report **due July 1, 2018**, providing an update of the progress toward or completion of the Recommendations Affecting Accreditation (see *Summary of Recommendations* on next page). This response should include any documentation and supplemental materials to support the efforts made by the program.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Kesler".

Gary Kesler, FASLA
LAAB Chair

Enclosure

cc: Richard M. Englert, Acting President

**Temple University
BSLA Program
LAAB Meeting
July 22-23, 2016**

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations Affecting Accreditation

1. Develop a long-range strategic plan to guide the department's development and activities, including implementation and advancement of the academic mission (Standard 1).
2. The formation of an advisory group or groups comprised of alumni and practitioners, including non-alumni, should be considered by the department as a means of fostering support and guidance for the program. Such a group(s) might take the form of an alumni association, advisory council or professional advisory group (Standard 6).