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Dear Professor Crankshaw:

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The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) at its March 14-15, 2022, meeting granted accreditation for a period of six (6) years to the course of study leading to the professional BSLA degree at University of Kentucky. This status is subject to review of a special report regarding Standard 7 to be submitted by June 1, 2022, and an interim report regarding Standard 2 to be submitted by June 1, 2023, together with annual reports and maintenance of good standing.

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Regarding Standard 7, LAAB is concerned with the ongoing facilities issues. Notably, the visiting team has elevated a 2014 Consideration for Improvement (related to Standard 7) to a Recommendation Affecting Accreditation. While the program's Self-Evaluation Report stated that in 2019 the department joined with the units in the College of Design to plan for the renovation of the Reynolds Building with a goal of moving offices and studios by the Fall 2022 semester, the team was unable to verify this at the time of the review. **Therefore, LAAB acted to require a special report due by June 1, 2022.** The report should include a plan and timeline regarding the program's interim upgrade of the E.S. Good Barn and its move into facilities that demonstrate compliance with Standard 7.

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Regarding Standard 2, an interim report to be submitted by June 1, 2023, to provide an update in order to demonstrate compliance, or steps towards compliance, with the respective standard. In accordance with LAAB policy, programs have 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. A second Interim Report will be due to the LAAB on or before four years from the receipt of this Accreditation Action Letter. If the RAA(s) 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 this Accreditation 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.

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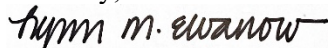
Accreditation is awarded on a time-certain basis. The six-year period of accreditation ends December 31, 2027. Accordingly, the BSLA program at University of Kentucky is next scheduled for a review during the fall of 2027.

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

Enclosed is a list of recommendations affecting accreditation (to be responded to in the interim report via the process laid out above) 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,



Lynn Ewanow
LAAB Chair

Enclosure

cc: Mary Sue Coleman, President

University of Kentucky
BSLA Program
LAAB Meeting
March 14-15, 2022

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations Affecting Accreditation

1. Work with the College and other colleges within the University to fill the open faculty position in a timely manner (Standard 2).
2. The program did not demonstrate there are designated, code-compliant, adequately maintained spaces that serve the professional requirements of the faculty, students, and staff in the following areas (Standard 7):
 - a. In the SER, the Department is relying on the move to the Reynolds Building to satisfy deficiencies to facilities and technology. The College and Department should formalize the move to the Reynolds Building or find some other means to satisfy deficiencies with Standard 7.
 - b. Upgrade the E. S. Good Barn to address building issues relating to health and safety until the move to the Reynolds building is resolved.

Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board

Interim Report

Submitted By:

Submission Date:

Section 1.

Name of Institution:

Name of Department:

Name of Program:

Date of Decision Letter:

Section 2.

Recommendation Affecting Accreditation: (Copy/paste 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)

Section 4.

Prior Action Taken by Program: (If applicable, attach any prior Interim Report related to the Recommendation Affecting Accreditation described in Section 2 of this Report)