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Dr. Lawrence S. Bacow, President  
Harvard University  
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Dear President Bacow:

At their July 2018 meeting, the directors of the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) reviewed the Visiting Team Report (VTR) for Harvard University.

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, with the stipulation that the institution addresses the following issues:

- Student performance criterion C.3 Integrative Design: This SPC has been found to be Not Met in two consecutive visits (B.6 Comprehensive Design in 2012). The Interim Progress Report, due in 2020 (see below), must address in detail the progress made toward correcting deficiencies within this SPC. Failure to do so may result in a reduced term of accreditation.
- The board found the II.2.2 Professional Degrees and Curriculum condition to be Not Met. For schools of architecture currently using the "M. Arch." title for nonaccredited programs, including Harvard GSD, the deadline for changing the titles of such programs is this year. Please review the following excerpt from page 19 of the 2014 NAAB Conditions for Accreditation:

*Section II.2.2 Professional Degrees and Curriculum*

*The B. Arch., M. Arch., and/or D. Arch. are titles used exclusively with NAAB-accredited professional degree programs. The B. Arch., M. Arch., and/or D. Arch. are recognized by the public as accredited degrees and therefore should not be used by nonaccredited programs.*

*Therefore, any institution that uses the degree title B. Arch., M. Arch., or D. Arch. for a nonaccredited degree program must change the title. Programs must initiate the appropriate institutional processes for changing the titles of these nonaccredited programs by June 30, 2018.*

We are extending the deadline for initiating the process for changing the titles of nonaccredited M. Arch. programs to November 30, 2018. If the NAAB has not received an indication that the change has been initiated by this date, the NAAB may consider advancing the schedule for the program's next accreditation sequence.

The term is effective January 1, 2018, and the program is scheduled for its next visit for continuing accreditation in 2026.

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

- a) Annual Statistical Reports. These reports capture statistical information on the institution and the program. The next statistical report is due on or before November 30, 2018.



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- 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. Harvard University's first IPR is due November 30, 2020. There is more information on the IPR process in Section 10 of the 2015 *Procedures for Accreditation*.

Finally, public dissemination of both the Architecture Program Report and the VTR 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 the 2015 *Procedures for Accreditation*.

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Judith Kinnard', written in a cursive style.

Judith Kinnard, FAIA  
President

cc: Ryan Jacob, Academic Affairs Administrator  
David Cronrath, Team Chair