

# National Architectural Accrediting Board, Inc.

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President  
Pennsylvania State University  
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Dear Dr. Barron:

At the February 2014 meeting of the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), reviewed the Visiting Team Report for Initial Candidacy (VTR-IC) for the Pennsylvania State University, Department of Architecture.

As a result, the proposed, professional architecture program **Master of Architecture** was formally granted initial candidacy. The candidacy period is effective January 1, 2013.

The program is expected to achieve initial accreditation in no more than six years and must complete at least two. The program is tentatively scheduled for a continuation of candidacy visit in 2015. Initial accreditation must be achieved by 2019, or the program will be required to submit a new candidacy application. For information on the processes for candidacy and initial accreditation, please see Sections 3 and 4 of The NAAB Procedures for Accreditation, 2012 Edition, Amended.

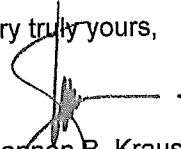
Continuing candidacy is subject to the submission of Annual Statistical Reports and any subsequent visits that may be required until initial accreditation is achieved.

The Annual Statistical Report is described in Section 10, of *the NAAB Procedures for Accreditation, 2012 Edition, Amended*. This report captures statistical information on the institution and the candidate program.

Finally, under the terms of Section 4.4.a of The NAAB Procedures for Accreditation, 2012 Edition, the program is required to disseminate the APR, the final VTR-IC and pertinent attachments, the current editions of the *Conditions* and the *Procedures*, and any addenda. These documents must be housed together and be freely accessible to all.

The visiting team has asked me to express its appreciation for your gracious hospitality.

Very truly yours,

  
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