March 9, 2017
Dr. Eric J. Barron
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Dear Dr. Barron,

At the February 2017 meeting of the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), the board reviewed the Visiting Team Report for Initial Accreditation (VTR-IA) for Pennsylvania State University.

On behalf of the board, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that the professional program the Master of Architecture was formally granted a three-year term of initial accreditation. The accreditation term is effective January 1, 2016. The program is scheduled for its next accreditation visit in 2019.

As stated in the NAAB 2015 Procedures for Accreditation, following an initial three-year term, at the next scheduled review, the program must receive an eight-year term of accreditation.

Continuing accreditation is subject to the submission of Annual Statistical Reports, which are submitted online through the NAAB’s Annual Report Submission system and are due by November 30 of each year. These reports capture statistical information on the institution in which a program is located and the degree program.

A complete description of the Annual Statistical Report process can be found in Section 9 of the NAAB Procedures for Accreditation, 2015 Edition. The program is not required to submit an Interim Progress Report.

Finally, under the terms of the NAAB 2015 Procedures for Accreditation, programs are required to make the Architecture Program Report, the VTR-IA, and related documents available to the public. Please see Section 4, Paragraph l. (page 43) of the procedures, for additional information.

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

Very truly yours,

Judith Kinnard, FAIA
President

cc: Mehrdad Hadighi, Head
Heather Young, Team Chair

Enc: Final Visiting Team Report