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Dear Professor Johnson:

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) would once again like to thank you and the University of Arizona (MLA) landscape architecture program for hosting a mock Virtual Site Visit (VSV) on November 9, 2020.

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In response to COVID-19 and the postponement of in-person accreditation site visits, LAAB developed policies and procedures to conduct VSVs. To flesh out this process and ensure it was prepared to go in effect by Spring 2021, LAAB conducted two mock VSVs during Fall 2020 with recently accredited programs.

As a program with no recommendations during your most recent accreditation review, University of Arizona was identified as a program eligible to assist LAAB in hosting a mock VSV. The purpose of the mock VSV was for LAAB staff to coordinate logistics and security with the program, and work through file sharing and coordination aspects related to information in a SER.

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Although it's only a mock visit and doesn't actually count toward your accreditation, LAAB understands this can be a burden on a program during an already stressful time. Therefore, participants received a 1-year extension of their current accreditation term in return for your efforts to prepare and participate. Accordingly, the MLA program, which was next scheduled for a review during the spring of 2025, is now scheduled for a review during the spring of 2026. Thank you again for your participation and support during this important accreditation operational adjustment.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KORP', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kristopher D. Pritchard
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Dear Professor Johnson:

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) at its August 2-3, 2019 meeting granted accreditation for a period of six (6) years to the course of study leading to the first professional MLA degree at the University of Arizona. This status is subject to review of annual reports and maintenance of good standing.

Accreditation is awarded on a time-certain basis. The six-year period of accreditation ends June 30, 2025. Accordingly, the MLA program is next scheduled for a review during the spring of 2025.

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

There were no recommendations affecting accreditation.

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 that reads "Rodney Swink".

Rodney Swink, FASLA, PLA
LAAB Chair

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Robert C. Robbins, President

**University of Arizona
MLA Program
LAAB Meeting
August 2-3, 2019**

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations Affecting Accreditation

There are no recommendations affecting accreditation.