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Dear Dean Bernstein:

At its November 2-4, 2023, meeting, the NAAB Board of Directors reviewed the Plan to Correct submitted by the Master of Architecture (undergraduate degree + 114 graduate credit hours) program at Yale University and voted to accept the Plan to Correct and approve the program for the remainder of the term of accreditation.

The Board noted that the program submitted sufficient evidence to demonstrate compliance with Condition 5.2 Planning and Assessment previously noted as “not demonstrated.”

The Board also noted that the program did not submit sufficient evidence to demonstrate compliance with the degree nomenclature aspect of **Condition 4.2**, “NAAB-accredited professional degree programs have the exclusive right to use the B.Arch., M.Arch., and/or D.Arch. titles, which are recognized by the public as accredited degrees and therefore may not be used by non-accredited programs.”

However, due to the NAAB Board of Directors’ decision, at the July 13-14, 2023, meeting, to provide a short-term exception to that aspect of Condition 4.2 while conducting additional research, the Board voted to accept the program’s Plan to Correct.

The Board’s review is included below:

#### **4.2 Professional Degrees and Curriculum**

The NAAB accredits professional degree programs with the following titles: the Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.), the Master of Architecture (M.Arch.), and the Doctor of Architecture (D.Arch.). The curricular requirements for awarding these degrees must include professional studies, general studies, and optional studies...

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*The program did not submit sufficient evidence to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of this Condition. The Board noted that the program does not, at this time, need to provide additional evidence of compliance due to the Board’s short-term exception to the degree nomenclature aspect of this Condition.*

**5.2 Planning and Assessment**--The program must demonstrate that it has a planning process for continuous improvement that identifies:

5.2.1 The program’s multiyear strategic objectives, including the requirement to meet the NAAB Conditions, as part of the larger institutional strategic planning and assessment efforts.

5.2.2 Key performance indicators used by the unit and the institution.

5.2.3 How well the program is progressing toward its mission and stated multiyear objectives.

5.2.4 Strengths, challenges, and opportunities faced by the program as it strives to continuously improve learning outcomes and opportunities.



5.2.5 Ongoing outside input from others, including practitioners.

The program must also demonstrate that it regularly uses the results of self-assessments to advise and encourage changes and adjustments that promote student and faculty success.

*The program provided sufficient information to meet the requirements of this Condition. The program provided evidence of updates in the Strategic Plan in the "Pedagogy and Program" section. The updates call for regular review and evaluation of accreditation requirements in the Yale architecture curriculum.*

Please feel free to contact us with any questions at [accreditation@naab.org](mailto:accreditation@naab.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Schreiber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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President