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*Sent via Email*

Dear Prof. Eckler:

At their July 2023 meeting, the directors of the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) reviewed the May 19, 2023, decision letter in response to the three-year Interim Progress Report (IPR) submitted by Marywood University's Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.) program on November 30, 2022. The following was noted:

- The original February 10, 2020 decision letter cited one area of non-compliance with the [NAAB 2014 Conditions for Accreditation](#) requiring an update in a two-year IPR (later amended to a three-year IPR in a letter dated July 31, 2020):
  - **I.1.5. Long-Range Planning**, as identified in the program's April 2018 Visiting Team Report (VTR)
- The Board's decision letter did not include findings of non-compliance for areas cited in the Visiting Team Report:
  - **I.1.6 Program Self-Assessment**
  - **B.2 Site Design**
- The IPR template sent to the program on October 12, 2022, cited **I.1.5. Long-Range Planning**. In its three-year IPR, the program provided an update on **I.1.5. Long-Range Planning**.
- In the NAAB Board's response to the three-year IPR on May 20, 2023, the Board found that the program had demonstrated sufficient progress on I.1.5. Long-Range Planning but included a request for an update on conditions **1.1.6 Assessment** and **B.2 Site Design**, cited in the VTR but not determined to be out of compliance in the Board's February 10, 2020, decision letter. This was an error.

After reviewing the Three-Year Interim Progress Report (IPR) submitted by Marywood University's Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.) program, the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) has accepted the IPR as having demonstrated satisfactory progress toward addressing deficiencies identified in the most recent Architecture Program Report and Visiting Team Report. No fifth-year report is required.

Your next accreditation visit is scheduled for **spring 2028** and will be conducted under the Conditions and Procedures in effect at the time of the visit. The Architecture Program Report (APR) is due **September 7, 2027**.

Please note that Program Annual Reports are still due annually on or before **December 15**.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact [accreditation@naab.org](mailto:accreditation@naab.org).

Sincerely,

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President