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Dear Cassandra:

Thank you for sending us the Visiting Team Report (VTR) for our review. Here are our responses:

- 1. We are grateful for the hard work the Visiting Team did before, during and no doubt after their visit to Washington State University. It was a pleasure to work with Mitra Kanaani, Steven Sharp, Suzanne Kelly, Mia Zusa and Sue Lani Madsen. We are particularly encouraged by how the VTR repeatedly makes note of the collegial and integrated spirit of both the faculty and the students here, and how both are essential ingredients for future success as the Architecture Program moves forward in the collaborative environment of the new School of Design and Construction.
- 2. The factual information in the VTR seems to be correct.
- 3. Three weeks after the NAAB Team visit, the new director hired to take over leadership of the School of Design and Construction, Dr. Keith Diaz-Moore, currently at the University of Kansas, notified us that he will be taking a position elsewhere. Our deans have charged the leadership team to move forward by defining and implementing a strategic plan in advance of a permanent director. Please be assured that the faculty, along with both deans, are only more energized by this development to support the ongoing success of the Architecture Program.

We look forward to hearing from the Board later this summer.

Sincerely.

Dr. Max Kirly interim director

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