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Dear Professor Melcher:

At its October 18-19, 2024, meeting, the Board of Directors of the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) reviewed the Plan to Correct submitted by the Master of Architecture degree (undergraduate architecture degree from WSU+ 48 graduate credit hours, undergraduate architecture degree + 15 prep credit hours + 48 graduate credit hours, and undergraduate non-architecture degree + 51 prep credit hours + 48 graduate credit hours) at Washington State University and voted to defer action and require a Plan to Correct to address all remaining areas of non-compliance.

The Board noted that the program did not submit sufficient evidence to demonstrate compliance with the following Conditions:

- SC.4 Technical Knowledge
- SC.6 Building Integration

The Board's review is included below:

SC.4 Technical Knowledge—How the program ensures that students understand the established and emerging systems, technologies, and assemblies of building construction, and the methods and criteria architects use to assess those technologies against the design, economics, and performance objectives of projects.

Not Met. *The program did not provide sufficient information to meet the requirements of this Condition. The program needs to provide evidence that each student learning outcome associated with this criterion is developed and assessed by the program on a recurring basis, with a summary of the modifications the program has made to its curricula and/or courses based on assessment results.*

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SC.6 Building Integration—How the program ensures that students develop the ability to make design decisions within architectural projects while demonstrating integration of building envelope systems and assemblies, structural systems, environmental control systems, life safety systems, and the measurable outcomes of building performance.

Not Met. *The program did not provide sufficient information to meet the requirements of this Condition. The program needs to provide evidence that each student learning outcome associated with this criterion is developed and assessed by the program on a recurring basis, with a summary of the modifications the program has made to its curricula and/or courses based on assessment results.*

The program is required to submit a Plan to Correct demonstrating compliance with the Conditions noted as "not met," by **June 30, 2025**.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions at accreditation@naab.org.

Sincerely,

Stephen Schreiber, FAIA, NCARB, DPACSA
President