August 3, 2012

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Dear Dr. Spinelli:

At the July 2012 meeting of the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), the board reviewed the *Visiting Team Report* (VTR) for the Philadelphia University, School of Architecture.

As a result, the professional architecture program:

## **Bachelor of Architecture**

was formally granted a six-year term of accreditation with the stipulation that a focused evaluation be scheduled in three years to review the following Condition for Accreditation and the progress that has been made in this area:

## 1.2.3 Physical Resources

The accreditation term is effective January 1, 2012. The program is scheduled for its next accreditation visit in 2018. The **focused evaluation** is scheduled for calendar year 2015. For more information on focused evaluations, please see Section 6 of the 2011 *Procedures for Accreditation*.

Continuing accreditation is subject to the submission of *Annual Reports*. *Annual Reports* are submitted online through the NAAB's Annual Report Submission system and are due by November 30 of each year. These reports have two parts:

Part I (Annual Statistical Report) captures statistical information on the institution in which a program is located and the degree program.

**Part II (Narrative Report)** is the narrative report in which a program responds to the most recent *VTR*. The narrative must address Section 1.3 Conditions Not Met and Section 1.4 Causes of Concern of the *VTR*. Part II also includes a description of changes to the program that may be of interest to subsequent visiting teams or to the NAAB.

If an acceptable *Annual Report* is not submitted to the NAAB by January 15, 2013, the NAAB may consider advancing the schedule for the program's next visit. A complete description of the *Annual Report* process can be found in Section 10 of the *NAAB Procedures for Accreditation*, 2011 Edition.

Finally, under the terms of the 2011 *Procedures for Accreditation,* programs are required to make the *Architecture Program Report,* the *VTR,* and related documents available to the public. Please see Section 3, Paragraph 8 (page 22), for additional information.



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The visiting team has asked me to express its appreciation for your gracious hospitality.

Very truly yours,

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