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Michael Young
Dean
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Sent via email to michael.young@cooper.edu

Dear Dean Young:

At its October 22-24, 2026, meeting, the Board of Directors of the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) reviewed the following documents for the Bachelor of Architecture degree (160 semester credit hours) program at Cooper Union, The:

- Progress Report (First Submission)

The Board voted to accept the Progress Report 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 the following Conditions for Accreditation previously noted to be out of compliance:

• SC.5 Design Synthesis
• 5.2 Planning and Assessment

The Board's review is included below:

SC.5 Design Synthesis—How the program ensures that students develop the ability to make design decisions within architectural projects while demonstrating synthesis of user requirements, regulatory requirements, site conditions, and accessible design, and consideration of the measurable environmental impacts of their design decisions.

Met. *The program provided sufficient information to meet the requirements of this criterion. The program provided evidence of how the program achieves and assesses student ability to make design decisions within architectural projects while demonstrating synthesis of user requirements, regulatory requirements, site conditions, and accessible design, and consideration of the measurable environmental impacts of their design decisions and uses the results of this assessment to make improvements to the learning experience.*

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Student work provided evidence that the program ensures through an effective assessment process that students develop this ability.

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.

Met. *The program provided sufficient information to meet the requirements of this Condition. The program provided evidence that demonstrates that it has a planning process for continuous improvement that identifies multiyear strategic objectives, key performance indicators, progress towards its mission and objectives, strengths and challenges faced by the program, and the use of ongoing outside input from others. The program also demonstrated that it uses the results of self-assessment to advise and encourage continuous improvement.*

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

Sincerely,



Mark Mistur, AIA
President