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Dean David Ferro, College of Engineering Applied Science and Technology  
Pete van der Have, Department Chair, Construction & Building Sciences

Dear Dean Ferro and Pete:

I am in receipt of the accreditation decision from the Accreditation Commission for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) which reviewed our program last fall (attached). The Commission voted to grant full accreditation which is a term of six years.

As you are aware, the accreditation's decision is based on the program's demonstrated achievement of 16 accreditation standards ranging from *Global Context* to *Environmental Systems and Human Wellbeing* to *Construction*. Each standard has a learning level --- *aware/awareness, understand/understanding, and/or apply*. Our program review went very well earning full compliance in each of the 16 standards for all of the learning levels specified.

In their review, the site visit team requested the program institute more procedures for tracking graduates in addition to their current practices such as utilizing social media platforms and LinkedIn. Since the accreditation review, the program has implemented questions to the Senior Survey that obtains and stores information from the graduate that will aid in tracking to meet this request.

The accreditation review was a good experience for the program, faculty and students. All were involved in the process and there were many lessons learned. The collaborative spirit of the department faculty was especially helpful in preparing the accreditation report, the site visit display and the site visit experience.

In three years, the interior design program will be required to submit a Progress Report to CIDA addressing ongoing program development.

The program plans to pursue hiring an additional ½ time faculty member this fall and will continue an ongoing self-study during the period prior to the interim Progress Report. Curriculum will continue to be assessed according to the CIDA standards as they change throughout the six-year period.

The program is scheduled to be revisited in 2029 to seek re-accreditation.

Thank you for your continued support of our program and its efforts to maintain accreditation status.

Regards,

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