

National Architectural Accrediting Board, Inc.

July 27, 2010

Shirley Ann Jackson, President  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
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Dear President Jackson:

At the July 2010 meeting of the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), the board reviewed the *Visiting Team (VTR) Report* for the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute School of Architecture.

As a result, the professional architecture programs:

**Bachelor of Architecture  
Master of Architecture**

were formally granted six-year terms of accreditations with the stipulation that a focused evaluation be scheduled in two years to review the following Conditions and the progress that has been made in each area:

4. Social Equity (B. Arch & M. Arch)
7. Human Resource Development (M. Arch only)
12. Professional Degrees and Curriculum (M. Arch only)

The accreditation terms are effective January 1, 2010. The programs are scheduled for their next accreditation visits in 2016. The **focused evaluation** is scheduled for calendar year 2012. For more information on focused evaluations, please see Section 6 of the *2010 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 1.4 Conditions Not Met and Section 1.5 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, 2011, 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, 2010 Edition*.

Finally, under the terms of the *2010 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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