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Sent via Email

Dear Professor Brownell:

After reviewing the five-year Interim Progress Report (IPR) for the Bachelor of Architecture and Master of Architecture programs submitted by University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) has rejected the IPR as not having corrected or demonstrated substantial progress toward addressing deficiencies identified in the most recent two-year Interim Progress Report. SPC B.2 and B.4 are still Not Met. Student work submitted with the five-year IPR does not demonstrate achievement at the prescribed level for SPC B.2 Site Design and B.4 Technical Documentation.

The Board would also like to call your attention to the stated elimination of the B.Arch. program. Under both 2015 *Procedures* and 2020 *Procedures*, institutions must seek prior approval from NAAB before terminating a NAAB-accredited degree. Our records do not indicate that UNCC sought that approval. The 2020 *Procedures*, Section 7.9, pages 31-32, detail that process and require the institution to provide the listed information by June 30 of the year in which the decision to phase out the degree was made. You will need to request that approval by June 30 of this year.

Consistent with the <u>2015 Procedures</u>, Section 10.1.d.ii Interim Progress Reports, pages 81-82, the next accreditation visit is advanced by one calendar year, thereby shortening the term of accreditation, and is now scheduled for spring 2024. The Architecture Program Report (APR) is due September 7, 2023.

Please note that Program Annual Reports are still due annually.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact accreditation@naab.org.

Sincerely,

Rebecca O'Neal President

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