

National Architectural Accrediting Board, Inc.

March 10, 2015

Dr. Oliver Evans
Interim President
Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University
17 Fountain Street NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Dear President Evans:

At the February 2015 meeting of the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), the directors reviewed the Visiting Team Report for Initial Candidacy (VTR-IC) for the Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University.

As a result, the proposed professional architecture program **Master of Architecture** was formally granted initial candidacy. The candidacy period is effective January 1, 2014.

The program is expected to achieve initial accreditation within six years, or by 2020, and must complete at least four years in candidacy. The program is tentatively scheduled for a continuation of candidacy visit in 2016. If initial accreditation is not achieved by 2020, the program will be required to submit a new candidacy application. For information on the processes for candidacy and initial accreditation, please see Sections 3 and 4 of the NAAB *Procedures for Accreditation*, 2012 Edition, **Amended**.

Continuing candidacy is subject to the submission of an Annual Statistical Report and any subsequent visits that may be required until initial accreditation is achieved. In subsequent visits, the team will pay special attention to how the program and institution have responded to the previous team's comments and concerns, as well as progress on the Plan for Achieving Initial Accreditation and meeting the NAAB *Conditions*.

The Annual Statistical Report is described in Section 10 of the NAAB *Procedures for Accreditation*, 2012 Edition, **Amended**. This report captures statistical information on the institution and the program.

Finally, under the terms of Section 3 (p. 24) of the NAAB *Procedures for Accreditation*, 2012 Edition, the program is required to disseminate the APR, the final VTR-IC and pertinent attachments, and the current editions of the *Conditions* and the *Procedures* and any addenda. These documents must be housed together and be freely accessible to all.

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

Very truly yours,



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President

cc: Brian Craig, Director
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