Department of Architecture Response to the Visiting Team Report, Draft

The department wishes to thank the review committee for its efforts and careful assessment of our Master of Architecture program. Through all of our interactions with the committee, both in preparation for the visit and during the visit, we found its members to be well-prepared, open minded, and interested in the welfare of the program.

This note responds to the request for correction of factual errors in the April 18, 2008 letter from Cassandra Pair, which accompanied the draft report. We found a few errors of fact that we would like to note for possible correction in the final report:

I. Summary of Team Findings
   2. Progress since the last Visit
      Condition 6, Human resource development:
         Paragraph 5
         The first sentence of this paragraph states:
         "With three new tenure track hires that have occurred and permanent funding for two full-time lecturers shared with the Art Department in place…"

      Correction:
      We received three years of renewable funding for one senior lecture position, this developed from a position that was formerly shared with the School of Art. It is now housed fully in Architecture. We are also fully funding a second lecturer position for 2008/09 that was formerly shared equally with the School of Art. We anticipate that this position will continue in a 50/50 shared arrangement with the Department of Education. Also for 2008/09 the Department of Architecture is fully funding a new one-year renewable lecturer position.

      Condition 9, Financial Resources
         Paragraph 3
         The final sentence in this paragraph states:
         "$185,000 was provided to the department for the 3D visualization shop. The Department of Architecture will be the primary user of this facility."

      Correction:
      This should read, "$185,000 was provided to the College of Architecture and Urban Planning for the 3D Fabrication Shop."

      Paragraph 4
      The final sentence in the paragraph states:
      "The department secured research funds of $1,125,000 between 2002-2004 and has successfully generated $40,000 through extension and certificate programs."

      Correction:
      "The department secured research funds of $1,125,000 between 2002-2004 and successfully generates more than $40,000 annually through extension and certificate programs."

Paragraph 3

This paragraph states:
Workshops regarding accessibility have not occurred or scheduled thus far in the 2007-08 academic year. A workshop covering accessibility was given in autumn quarter 2006.

Correction:
A workshop regarding accessibility is schedule for spring quarter 2008. A workshop covering accessibility was given in autumn quarter 2006.

Note:
Please see the attached workshop schedule.

II. Compliance with the Conditions for Accreditation

10. Financial resources

Explanatory paragraph

This paragraph states:
“The department received permanent funding for three new faculty and two lecturers. The department received $40,000 from the successful extension program offerings.”

Correction: (see above)
“The department received renewable three-year funding for a senior lecture position and renewable one-year funding for two lecturer positions. The department receives more than $40,000 annually from successful extension program offerings.”

13. Student Performance Criteria

13.14 Accessibility

2nd explanatory paragraph

This paragraph states
“No studio workshops regarding accessibility have occurred or been scheduled thus far in the 2007-08 academic year. A workshop covering accessibility was given in autumn quarter 2006.”

Correction:
“A workshop regarding accessibility is schedule for spring quarter 2008. A workshop covering accessibility was given in autumn quarter 2006.”

Note:
Please see the attached workshop schedule.