To: NAAB

From: David Miller, Chair, UW Department of Architecture

Re: VTR corrections of fact

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We want to thank the NAAB Visiting Team for a comprehensive and thoughtful report. We would like to note five corrections of fact in the Visiting Team Report:

1. I.3.A. Causes of Concern: Student diversity

   According to recent statistical reports, the ethnic and racial diversity of the graduate architecture student body is much less than the diversity reported for the university’s graduate programs as a whole.

   **UW response:**

   Page 97 of the UW Department of Architecture APR indicates that the 2012-13 M.Arch. student body was only slightly less diverse [in terms of women and US minorities] than aggregated UW graduate programs. Here are the 2012-13 statistics taken from p. 97 of the APR:

   **UW M.Arch. 2012-13**

   - women: 49%
   - minority: 18% [of enrolled US students]
   - international: 6%

   **UW all grad 2012-13**

   - women: 54%
   - minority: 21%
   - international: 16%

   The 2013 UW Annual Report to the NAAB indicates similar proportions in the 2013-14 MArch student body:

   **UW M.Arch. 2013-14**

   - women: 47%
   - minority: 19% [of enrolled US students]
   - international: 9%

2. I.3.C. Causes of Concern: Diversity of project sites

   *Most studio sites are of the same type: dense urban sites in the urban core of Seattle. A broader range of sites would provide students with the opportunity to assess and address different topographies and climates.*

   **UW Response:**

   Although a majority of studio sites in the M.Arch. program are in urban locations of various densities, 35% were outside of Seattle and 27% were in or near the dense urban core of Seattle. Of the 37 studios offered at the 500-level during the 2012-13 and 2013-14 academic years:
13 are proposed for sites outside of Seattle  
2 are not sited (furniture studio)  
3 are proposed for sites in Seattle parks  
2 are proposed for waterfront sites in Seattle  
7 are proposed for sites in Seattle neighborhoods outside the urban core  
10 are proposed for the urban core of Seattle.

3. II.1.A.4 Technical Documentation  
   This condition is met in ARCH 503 [Architecture Design Studio III (Sustainability)].
   
   UW Response: [Corrected 5/6/14]
   The title for ARCH 503 is: Architectural Design Studio Options (Comprehensive)

4. II.1.A.9 Historical Traditions and Global Culture  
   This condition is met in ARCH 350 [Architecture of the Ancient World], ARCH 351  
   [Romanesque, Gothic, and Ren. Arch], and ARCH 352 [History of Modern Architecture]. The program offers a wide range of courses in the history and theory of architecture, a number of  
   which cover non-western tradition in depth. Students are required to select and complete one course from the history and theory of architecture course offerings.
   
   UW Response: [Corrected 5/6/14]
   Students are required to complete and select two courses from the history and theory of architecture course offerings.

5. II.1.B.9 Structural Systems  
   The condition is Met with Distinction through ARCH 529 [Structural System Design] which gives students an understanding of structural principles. Students complete a schematic design that integrates the structural design with the architecture in a meaningful way.
   
   UW Response: [Corrected 5/6/14]
   The course number for Structural System Design is ARCH 521