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Prof. Dr. Abdullah bin Muhammad Al-Rubaish
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Sent via email

Dear Prof. Dr. Al-Rubaish:

At its November 2-4, 2023, the NAAB Board of Directors reviewed previously deferred application for Continuing International Certification, including the Visiting Team Report (VTR), from the Bachelor of Architecture (158 credits) program at Imam Abdulrahman Bin Faisal University.

At its April 21-22, 2023, consistent with Condition II.2.1 National Authorization and Institutional Quality Assurance, the Board of Directors requested that the program submit evidence indicating that the institution's accreditation with the National Center for Academic Accreditation and Evaluation had been renewed. Upon receipt of this information from the program, at its October 2023 meeting, the NAAB Executive Committee reviewed Imam Abdulrahman Bin Faisal University's accreditation renewal letter from the National Center for Academic Accreditation and Evaluation. Based on the review of this letter, the Executive Committee on behalf of the NAAB Board of Directors voted to grant the Bachelor of Architecture program a six-year term of International Certification and with the following Conditions noted as 'not met' (see VTR for details):

- B.2 Site Design
- C.2 Integrated Evaluations and Decision- Making Design Process

Consistent with the *2019 Procedures for NAAB International Certification*, all programs with Visiting Team Reports that identify 'not-met' Student Performance Criteria are required to submit an Interim Progress Report (IPR). Your program's IPR is due to NAAB on or before **November 30, 2025**. NAAB will provide a template for the report under a separate cover on or before March 30, 2025.

Further, the program is required to make the following documents available, in their entirety, on the Imam Abdulrahman Bin Faisal University website:

- 2022 Visiting Team Report (attached)
- Program Self-Evaluation Report prepared for the 2022 visit
- [2019 Conditions for NAAB International Certification](#)
- [2019 Procedures for NAAB International Certification](#)

The program's International Certification term is effective January 1, 2022, and the program is scheduled for its next visit for Continuing International Certification in 2028. This visit will be conducted under the provisions of the NAAB Conditions and Procedures for International Certification in effect at the time of the visit.

Thank you for your continued support of quality assurance in architecture education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen Schreiber".

Stephen Schreiber, FAIA, NCARB, DPACSA
President

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