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Sent via email to David.Kratzer@Jefferson.edu

Dear David:

At its November 2-4, 2023, meeting, the NAAB Board of Directors reviewed the Plan to Correct submitted by the Master of Architecture program (pre-professional undergraduate architecture degree + 49 TJU graduate semester credit hours and non-pre-professional undergraduate degree + 100 TJU graduate semester credit hours) at Thomas Jefferson University and voted to defer action and require a revised Plan to Correct.

The Board noted that the program did not submit sufficient evidence to demonstrate compliance with the following Conditions:

- **SC.5 Design Synthesis**
- **SC.6 Building Integration**

The Board's review is included below:

SC.5 Design Synthesis--How the program ensures that students develop the ability to make design decisions within architectural projects while demonstrating synthesis of user requirements, regulatory requirements, site conditions, and accessible design, and consideration of the measurable environmental impacts of their design decisions.

Not Met. The program did not provide sufficient information to meet the requirements of this criterion. The program provided sufficient evidence of progress on tracking decision making, site analysis, for integration and assessment of passive environmental systems using both analog and digital simulation. The Board noted that the program needs to provide evidence of a more representative sample of student work and a description of how the work of each student is evaluated when working in teams.

SC.6 Building Integration--How the program ensures that students develop the ability to make design decisions within architectural projects while demonstrating integration of building envelope systems and assemblies, structural systems, environmental control systems, life safety systems, and the measurable outcomes of building performance.

Not Met. The program did not provide sufficient information to meet the requirements of this criterion. The program provided sufficient evidence of multiple façade design options with quantitative analysis of daylight, glare, and, in some students' work, energy use. Students clearly narrated their decision-making in response to the daylight analysis and, in some students' work, thermal performance. The Board noted that the program needs to provide evidence of a more representative sample of student work.

The program is required to submit a Plan to Correct demonstrating compliance with the Conditions noted here as "not met" by **June 30, 2024**.



Please feel free to contact us with any questions at accreditation@naab.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Schreiber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephen Schreiber, FAIA, NCARB, DPACSA
President