August 5, 2013

Dr. Thomas J. Hochstettler
Acting Chancellor
American University of Sharjah
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Dear Chancellor Hochstettler:

At the July 2013 meeting of the National Architectural Accréditing Board (NAAB), the directors reviewed the Visiting Team Report (VTR) for the American University of Sharjah School of Architecture and Design.

As a result, the professional architecture program Bachelor of Architecture was formally granted an eight-year term of accreditation.

This new, maximum term of accreditation was approved by the NAAB in March 2013 and put into effect for all decisions made after July 1, 2013.

The accreditation term is effective January 1, 2013. The program is scheduled for its next accreditation visit in 2021.

Continuing accreditation is subject to two reporting requirements.

First, all program must submit Annual Statistical Reports (see Section 10, of the NAAB Procedures for Accreditation, 2012 Edition, Amended). This report captures statistical information on the institution and the program.

Second, any program that receives an eight-year term of accreditation is required to submit an Interim Progress Report two years after a visit and again five years after the visit. This requirement is described in Section 11, of The 2012 NAAB Procedures. The next statistical report is due November 30, 2013; the first interim progress report is due November 2015. Please see (Sections 10 and 11 of the NAAB Procedures for Accreditation, 2012 Edition, Amended).

Finally, under the terms of the 2012 Procedures for Accreditation, programs are required to make the Architecture Program Report, the VTR, and related documents available to the public. Please see Section 3, Paragraph 8 (page 22), for additional information.

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

Very truly yours,

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President

cc: Michael Hughes, Chair
    Michael Stanton, FAIA, Visiting Team Chair
    Visiting Team Members

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