To: NAAB  
From: David Miller, Chair, UW Department of Architecture  
Re: VTR corrections of fact  
Date: April 23, 2014

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

1. **1.3.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. **1.3.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:**
   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:**
   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:**
   The course number for Structural System Design is **ARCH 521**