Full Accreditation Granted

- Through Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB)
- BLA program accredited through 2020
- MLA program accredited through 2020 (with 2017 review)
- Both are maximum times
The Landscape Architecture Profession

Landscape architects lead stewardship, planning, and design of our built and natural environments.

- “Green since 1899”
- Focus on sustainability
Areas of Practice

• Institutional, corporate and commercial landscaping
• Gardens and arboreta
• Historic preservation and restoration
• Interior landscapes
• Land planning and conservation, including water
• Urban design and security design
• Transportation corridors, facilities
• Parks and recreation
• Streetscapes and public spaces
• Residential landscape design
• Art and earth sculpture, monuments
Professional Advocacy

• Evolution of practice
  • Health, safety, and welfare
  • Clarified definition of welfare
  • (Health, justice, et.al.)

• Areas of advocacy
  • Water and stormwater
  • Transportation planning and design
  • Community design and development
Landscape Architecture Programs

- Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA)
  - 5-year professional degree
  - 160 students
- Masters of Landscape Architecture (MLA)
  - 3-year professional degree
  - 24 students
- 15 faculty FTEs
- BLA historically ranked in or near top 10
- Licensure process includes education, experience (internship), and examination
Student Profile

- Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA)
  - 97% placement rate
  - $52,000 base salary (years 0-4)
  - $23,000 average student debt (compared to $31,000 nationally)
- Masters of Landscape Architecture (MLA)
  - 100% placement

Students feel prepared: 100% rated their education as excellent (80%) or above average in Design Intelligence surveys.
BLA Accreditation Recommendations

- Simplify mission and objectives
  - Completed or ongoing
- Create means to assess outcomes
  - Completed or ongoing
- Program information within one click on website
  - Completed
- Budget control with department chair
  - Completed
- Administrative support to relieve burden on chair
  - In progress
MLA Accreditation Recommendations

• Develop MLA specific mission, purpose, outcomes
  • In action
• Develop long-range MLA program plan
  • In action
• Communicate program plan on website
  • In progress
• Provide transparency on budget
  • Completed
• Required LA courses should have their own syllabi
  • In progress/ongoing
Questions?