

Department of Landscape Architecture

Department Policies

DATE: December 10, 2010

SUBJECT: LA AOP 01.02 – MISSION STATEMENT REVIEW POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Landscape Architecture Academic Operating Policy and Procedure (LA AOP) is to define the procedure and responsibilities for periodically reviewing and revising, as needed, the department's mission statement.

REVIEW

This LA AOP will be reviewed every four years by the department's Curriculum committee, with recommendations for revision presented to the landscape architecture faculty.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

The Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB), the accrediting body of the undergraduate and graduate landscape architecture programs, Standard 1 states: "The program shall have a clearly defined mission supported by goals and objectives appropriate to the profession of landscape architecture and shall demonstrate progress towards their attainment."

When a department-wide review of the mission statement is conducted, the department head shall present the currently approved statement to the faculty, staff, and students for review, along with any modifications he/she may suggest, and request comment and suggestions related to the existing statement and any proposed changes. The department head may designate an ad hoc or standing committee of the department to assist in conducting the review of the existing mission statement, considering comments received from the departmental community, and drafting a revised mission statement, if revision appears to be needed. The department head, recommends approval of the revised mission statement. The revised mission statement shall earn the support of a majority vote of the departmental community (faculty, staff, student representatives, and advisory committee representatives).