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Dear President Bradley:

The CIDA Accreditation Commission reviewed the Indiana State University interior design program at their March 25-26, 2010 meeting. In preparation for this meeting, the Commission reviewed the Program Analysis Report prepared by the program and the Visiting Team Report prepared by the team that visited the program on November 20-23, 2010. The Visiting Team Report described numerous weaknesses in Standard 3. Human Behavior; Standard 11. Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment, and Finish Materials; and Standard 13. Interior Construction and Building Systems.

Under Standard 3, *The work of interior designers is informed by knowledge of behavioral science and human factors*, significant weaknesses in student learning were identified. The CIDA Visiting Team Report addressed weaknesses related to student learning expectations b, c, and d. Thus, the Commission concluded that deficiencies in student performance under Standard 3 result in non-compliance with this Standard rather than partial compliance.

The Visiting Team Report also identified significant weaknesses under Standard 11, *Entry-level interior designers select and specify furniture, fixtures, equipment, and finish materials in interior spaces*. The CIDA visiting team described weaknesses related to student learning expectations c and d. As a result, the Accreditation Commission determined that Standard 11 is in non-compliance rather than partial compliance.

Additionally, significant weaknesses were identified under Standard 13, *Entry-level interior designers have knowledge of interior construction and building systems*. The CIDA Visiting Team Report identified student learning expectations a, b, c, d, e, f, and g as program weaknesses. Therefore, the Accreditation Commission determined that Standard 13 is in non-compliance rather than partial compliance.

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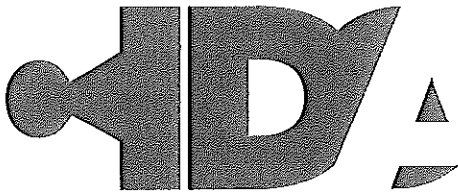
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In order to be accredited, a program must comply or partially comply with all sixteen standards. Program non-compliance with one or more standards leads to probation or denial of accreditation. Additional information regarding CIDA's definitions of 'compliance with standards' can be found on page 8 of CIDA's Professional Standards 2011. This document is available for download on the CIDA website at <http://accredit-id.org/professional-standards>.

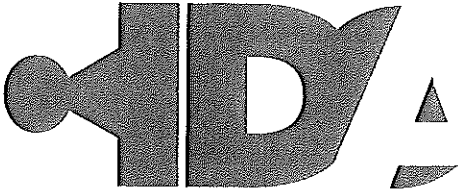
Notice was sent to the program on March 28, 2011 of the Commission's determination of non-compliance with Standards 3, 11, and 13 (enclosed). The program submitted a response on April 18 (enclosed).

At their May 17, 2011 conference call meeting, the CIDA Accreditation Commission reviewed your interior design program's response to the Commission's notice of non-compliance with Standards 3, 11, and 13. In reviewing the program response, the Accreditation Commission, overall, found nothing to refute the Commission's determination of non-compliance with these Standards.

The Commission, therefore, has placed the interior design program at Indiana State University on probation for two years. Probation indicates that the Accreditation Commission determined that the quality of the accredited interior design program is at risk due to critical weaknesses, as identified in the Accreditation Report (enclosed). The CIDA Accreditation Report presents the Commission's evaluation of your program and the weaknesses that were identified.

Probation is an accreditation status that requires the program to improve areas of weakness within a specific period of time in order to maintain CIDA accreditation. The program maintains all rights and responsibilities of an accredited program. The CIDA policy on probation is enclosed. During the probation period, the program is expected to improve student achievement in areas noted as weak under Standards 3, 11, and 13 as well as maintain compliance with other CIDA Standards.

No later than May 17, 2013, a site visit must be conducted to determine compliance with Standards 3, 11, and 13 and to assess continued compliance with Standards 1, 2, 4-10, 12, and 14. The Commission determined that all of Standards 1-14 must be included in the scope of the probationary review due to the interrelated nature of these standards. The program coordinator may request a site visit at any time prior to the end of the two years. A three-member team will conduct the probationary visit. The team will include one individual from the team that visited the program on November 20-23, 2010 if possible.



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Indiana State University will be expected to pay the cost of the visit. Specifically, the college will be invoiced for the Site Visit Fee, Travel Fee, and will cover team expenses for lodging, food, and local transportation. For additional information, please see CIDA's Accreditation Policy and Procedure, Section IX. Fees, which is available for download at <http://accredit-id.org/faculty-programs/policy-procedures/>.

The Accreditation Commission has directed the CIDA staff to assist you with managing the details of this visit. Please feel free to correspond with us if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Holly Mattson'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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