

Interim Progress Report

University of Texas at San Antonio

Department of Architecture

Master of Architecture

Track I (preprofessional degree + 52 credits)

Track II (non-professional degree + up to 39 credits of preparatory studies + 52 credits)

Year of the previous visit: 2016

Please update contact information as necessary since the last APR was submitted.

Chief administrator for the academic unit in which the program is located: **John Murphy, Dean**

Provost: **Kimberly Andrews Espy, Ph.D.**

President of the institution: **Taylor Eighmy**

Individual submitting the Interim Progress Report: **Sedef Doganer, Dept. Chair**

Name of individual(s) to whom questions should be directed: **Sedef Doganer, Dept. Chair**

Current term of accreditation: **2018**

Text from the most recent VTR or APR is in the gray text boxes. Type your response in the designated text boxes.

1. Progress in Addressing Not-Met Conditions and Student Performance Criteria

University of Texas at San Antonio, 2018 Response: Not Applicable

2. Changes or Planned Changes in the Program

Please report such changes as the following: faculty retirement/succession planning; administration changes (dean, department chair, provost); changes in enrollment (increases, decreases, new external pressures); new opportunities for collaboration; changes in financial resources (increases, decreases, external pressures); significant changes in educational approach or philosophy; changes in physical resources (e.g., deferred maintenance, new building planned, cancellation of plans for new building).

University of Texas at San Antonio, 2018 Response: i) faculty retirement: After 25 years of faithful service, Dr. Maggie Valentine retired in the summer of 2018. An architectural historian, Dr. Valentine valiantly devoted herself to improving the writing skills of the undergraduate students in preparation for graduate studies, and recently had a determining role in forming the graduate program in Urban and Regional Planning.

ii) administration changes: Following 6 years of serving as the Chair and directing the Department of Architecture, Dr. Vince Canizaro stepped down at the end of the 2017 the spring semester. His replacement is Dr. Sedef Doganer (1-page CV attached, in 4. Appendix), who had previously served as Graduate Advisor of Record for the MArch program, and Assistant Department Chair. Dr. Doganer has already made proposals for several changes and curricular developments that promise to open new opportunities for students and faculty (see below).

In fall 2018, the Department was honored to add Dr. Antonio Molina-Martinez to the faculty. Dr. Molina-Martinez has degrees in architecture and engineering, all culminating in a Ph.D. in architecture from the Polytechnic University of Valencia. His specialization is in the design and evaluation of energy-efficient systems in residential buildings (1-page CV attached, in 4. Appendix). He will make a serious contribution to the study of sustainability in our Master of Architecture program.

iii) new opportunities for collaboration: Dr. Doganer has requested that the CIP-code designation for the Master of Architecture program be changed to that of a STEM program (specifically to 04.0902, "Architectural and Building Sciences/Technology"). Inspired by the information found in the "ACSA White Paper on Architectural Education Research and STEM" (2018), this does not result from any change to the curriculum, but rather as recognition of the highly technological content of many courses in the Master's Degree program. While the outcome of this request is still uncertain, it: a) has been approved for the Master of Science in Architecture program, and b) promises to create opportunities for funding and collaboration.

iv) significant changes in educational approach: There are two important developments from which students in the Master's Degree program may soon be able to benefit:

a) new certificate in High Performance Buildings and Sustainability: After having offered for several years a focus in Sustainability (which is an unofficial academic designation, reflecting a program-in-gestation), several faculty members have proposed a certificate program in High Performance Buildings and Sustainability. The proposed program has been approved by the Master of Architecture Graduate Program Committee, and Department and College Administration. It has been forwarded to the University's Graduate Council, where it awaits review. We hope to officially launch the new certificate program in fall 2019.

b) dual-degree with Master of Science in Architecture program: In response to developments in the profession of architecture, specifically the need for research and the generation of new knowledge to inspire and guide design, the Department will propose a dual-degree with the existing Master of Science in Architecture (MArch+MSArch) and Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning Programs (MArch+MSURP). In a 3-year period, the student will be able to fulfill all of the curricular demands of the accredited professional program and engage in research, under the tutelage of a faculty member. Ideally, the visa opportunities for internships that a STEM program (such as the MSArch and -- by extension -- this new dual-degree program) can provide to international students will generate interest. The graduate will be able to offer both professional and research skills.

v) changes in physical resources: The new president of the university, Dr. Taylor Eighmy, has announced plans for the growth and development of the Downtown Campus. Phase II of that project (scheduled for 2023-2028) will include the Monterey Building, in which the Department of Architecture is located (see attached pdf file, "Phase II," in 4. Appendix). The faculty and administration look forward to participating in that process, and improving our facilities (if not obtaining our much-desired new building).

3. Summary of Activities in Response to Changes in the NAAB Conditions [2014 NAAB Conditions](#)

University of Texas at San Antonio, 2018 update: Not Applicable

4. Appendix (include revised curricula, syllabi, and one-page CVs or bios of new administrators and faculty members; syllabi should reference which NAAB SPC a course addresses)

University of Texas at San Antonio, 2018 update: Attached, please find the 1-page CV's of Dr. Doganer (the new Department Chair) and Dr. Molina-Martinez (the new faculty

member), and a pdf file of the University's announcement of changes to the Downtown Campus ("Phase II").