

# NAAB RESPONSE TO SOUTHERN POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

Date Report Received: January 10, 2011

Year of Next Visit: 2014

Current Term of Accreditation: 6 Years

Focused Evaluation: No

## Section One:

### Checklist of required elements

Part I Statistical Report	√	Included	Not Included
Part II Narrative Report	√	Included	Not Included

## Section Two:

### Assessment of Narrative Report

NOTE 1: If a deficiency is included in the scope of an FE, the program may not be released from reporting on it in Part II of the Annual Report, except by the FE Team.

NOTE 2: Although an area may be marked "satisfied, no further reporting required," the next visiting team will still make its own assessment of the program's response to the deficiency in the next *Visiting Team Report*.

## DEFICIENCIES

### Human Resources

The program notes that a search is underway for one new tenure-track faculty member, and three half-time faculty members have been added. As it prepares for the NAAB visit in 2014, the program is advised to report on efforts to address the lack of administrative support for the chair and IT support staff, both of which were noted by the 2008 visiting team.

### Professional Development

Satisfied; no further reporting required.

## CAUSES OF CONCERN

### Growth and Financial Resources

There has been little change in the program's financial resources. It has requested funding to renovate the first floor of the Architecture Building. It is unclear from the annual report whether the program receives any of the \$22,000 it requests annually from the vice president for academic affairs to cover studio culture activities (lectures, competitions, and the like). Was the \$40 studio culture fee approved, and, if so, has it enabled the program to develop new initiatives?

### Administrative Staff

As noted last year, there has been no increase in the program's operating budget since 2006, and, therefore, there has been no change in addressing this concern.

### Student opportunities

Please continue to report on efforts to address this concern. The program's 2009 annual report noted that it was "aggressively pursuing collaboration with other [campus] programs," but there has been little discussion since then of the kinds of collaboration efforts underway or the outcome of such efforts.

### Communication and governance challenges

Satisfied; no further reporting required.

### Student advising and mentoring

Satisfied; no further reporting required.

### Mentoring tenure-track faculty

The program is clearly working to address this concern. The program chair mentors all tenure-track faculty.

## CHANGES TO THE ACCREDITED PROGRAM

None listed