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Dear Dr. Kiprianos:

At its October 18-19, 2024, meeting, the Board of Directors of the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) reviewed the Plan to Correct submitted by the Bachelor of Architecture degree (169 credit hours) at Lebanese American University and voted to defer action and require a Plan to Correct to address all remaining areas of non-compliance.

The Board noted that the program did not submit sufficient evidence to demonstrate compliance with the following Conditions:

- SC.5 Design Synthesis

The Board's review is included below:

**SC.5 Design Synthesis**—How the program ensures that students develop the ability to make design decisions within architectural projects while demonstrating synthesis of user requirements, regulatory requirements, site conditions, and accessible design, and consideration of the measurable environmental impacts of their design decisions.

**Not Met.** *The program did not provide sufficient information to meet the requirements of this Condition. The program needs to provide evidence that the program ensures, through an effective assessment process, that students develop the ability to make design decisions while synthesizing all elements described in this criterion, including student ability to make design decisions while demonstrating consideration of the measurable environmental impacts of their design decisions.*

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The program is required to submit a Plan to Correct demonstrating compliance with the Conditions noted as "not met," by **June 30, 2025**.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions at [accreditation@naab.org](mailto:accreditation@naab.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Schreiber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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President