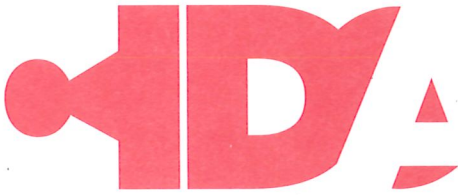


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Dear President Wrighton:

The CIDA Accreditation Commission reviewed The George Washington University interior design program at their October 13-14, 2022 meeting. In preparation for this discussion, the Commission reviewed the Program Analysis Report prepared by the program and the CIDA Team Report prepared by the team that reviewed the program from April 29 to May 10, 2022. The CIDA Team Report described numerous weaknesses in Standard 10.

Under Standard 10, *Interior designers are knowledgeable about history of interiors, architecture, decorative arts, and art*, the CIDA review team described weaknesses related to program expectations a, b, and d. As a result, the Accreditation Commission determined that Standard 10 is in non-compliance.

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 2020. This document is available for download on the CIDA website at <http://accredit-id.org/professional-standards>.

Notice was sent to the program on October 17, 2022 of the Commission's determination of non-compliance with Standard 10 (enclosed). The program submitted a response on October 31, 2022.

At their November 18, 2022 conference call meeting, the CIDA Accreditation Commission reviewed your interior design program's response to the Commission's notice of non-compliance with Standard 10. In reviewing the program response, the Accreditation Commission, overall, found nothing to refute the Commission's determination of non-compliance with this Standard.

The Commission, therefore, has placed the interior design program at The George Washington 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.

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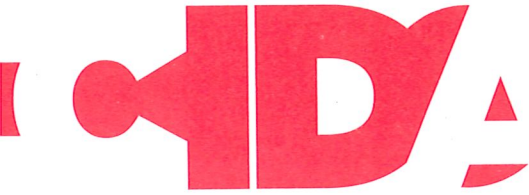
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Probation is an accreditation status that requires the program to improve areas of weakness within a specific period of time in order to maintain CIDA accreditation. The program maintains all rights and responsibilities of an accredited program. The CIDA policy on probation is enclosed. During the probation period, the program is expected to improve student achievement in areas noted as weak under Standard 10 as well as maintain compliance with other CIDA Standards.

No later than November 30, 2024, a probationary review must be conducted to determine compliance with Standard 10, as well as any expectations within the remaining Standards that were marked below the required level of achievement in the November 2022 Accreditation Report. The Commission determined that all of Standard 10 as well as Standard 5, expectation e must be included in the scope of the probationary review. The program coordinator may request a review at any time prior to the end of the two years. This review may be conducted virtually. One site visitor will conduct the probationary review. If possible, the site visitor will be an individual from the team that reviewed the program from April 29 to May 10, 2022.

The George Washington University will be expected to pay the cost of the review. Specifically, the program 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 VIII. Fees, which is available for download at <https://www.accredit-id.org/policyandprocedures>.

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

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

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