Patricia Oliver, Dean of the Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design, traveled to South Korea in May representing the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) to review the Korean Architectural Accrediting Board. The purpose of the review is to determine whether the conditions and procedures of the KAAB system for accreditation of professional degrees in architecture meet the standards set by the Canberra Accord. The Accord embraces the key principles of the International Network of Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAHE) Guidelines of Good Practice (GGP) as its benchmark for international good practice for quality assurance agencies; and is reflective of the core principles of the UNESCO UIA Charter for Architectural Education and the relevant sections of the UIA Accord on Recommended International Standards on Professionalism in Architectural Practice as international benchmarks for satisfying the academic requirements for the practice of architecture at the professional level. The signatory systems to the Canberra Accord have concluded that their accreditation/validation/recognition systems for academic programs in architecture have comparability and that such programs are substantially equivalent in terms of satisfying the academic requirements for the practice of architecture at the professional level.

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