

The NAAB is so pre-occupied with an interest in diversified architectural programs that they have forgotten the real goal- uniformity in nomenclature. They can still achieve diversity and uniformity in nomenclature simultaneously. A creative, clear and effective solution for this is as follows:

The present 5 year M.Arch (former B.Arch) degree programs should be converted to 6 years. 2 years undergraduate studies plus 4 years of graduate level work. This will instantly elevate them to D.Arch programs. Students can still be admitted to those programs directly from high school. As a matter of fact, some students coming in from high school with a bunch of AP (Advance Placement) classes can still attain their degrees in 5- 5 1/2 years. The former graduate level three years or more M.Arch programs should be instantly renamed as D.Arch programs just the same way as Univ of Hawaii renamed its Arch. D degree to D.Arch. These programs will still require an undergraduate degree for admission.

This is a likely solution that may result from the courts should the issue be litigated. Hopefully, an internal solution will result rather than one externally determined.

Regards,
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