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Aloha members,

I am writing to share with you ACSA's position on NAAB's **recently announced fees** to the programs it accredits. This announcement is part of a longstanding discussion among NAAB and its funding organizations, ACSA, AIA, NCARB, and AIAS. (**Find background here.**)

ACSA strongly opposes the decision NAAB has made to reopen direct fees to schools without coming to an agreement with the four organizations. The leaders of all four organizations have consistently expressed concerns about NAAB's justification for additional funding and about their management of funds. All of us wish to come to a shared agreement with NAAB.

As you may recall, AIA and NCARB, with the support of ACSA and AIAS, commissioned an external assessment of NAAB's operations and management. Each organization had to sign a nondisclosure agreement to participate, and so we are not at liberty to disclose the details of the report. However, the report identified inconsistent financial management and accounting practices that need to be corrected and that impact the baseline funding that the NAAB has indicated it needs.

NAAB declined to do this, and ended discussions with the funding organizations about their proposed program fees. **For this reason, we are calling for an official ACSA Business Meeting on Wednesday, August 21, at 7:00 pm Eastern time.** This meeting is open to all ACSA faculty and administrators.

We think that it is imperative that the schools served by NAAB have the opportunity to discuss the situation and ask questions of the ACSA. We hope your school's administrative head and faculty councilor will attend. The faculty councilor serves as the voting representative, and you may send a proxy in the councilor's place. Any member of an ACSA school may attend and participate in the discussion, as well.

ACSA will be contacting heads of our full and candidate member schools separately about dues collected that were intended for NAAB in 2024, as well as about our annual dues in 2024-25.

Please plan to attend this important membership meeting, and feel free to send any questions to me at **president@acsa-arch.org**.

Sincerely,

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