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TO: Dr. Ashok Saxena, Provost
CC: Dr. Jim Rankin, Vice Provost for Research and Economic Development

FROM: Peter MacKeith, Dean, Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design

RE: Academic Policy 1440.15, 2015-16 Annual Report

- Numbers of grants, dollars, publications, student growth, new faculty, new administrators, awards/honors, and significant accomplishments.
  - Grants (FJSoA+D internal)
    - Total: $39,468
      - Dean’s Creative Research and Practice Grants: $12,000/4 awards
      - Dean’s Research Incentive Funds: $27,468/8 awards
  - Grants (UofA internal)
    - Total: $37,365
      - Provost’s Collaborative Research Grant: $1,500
        In support of collaboration with Department of Bioengineering
        Carl Smith
      - Sustainability Academic Program Grant: $5,865
        Carl Smith
      - Midwest Regional Office of National Parks Service Grant: $30,000
        Hicks Site Digital Interpretation, Rush District, Buffalo National River
        Kimball Erdmann
  - Grants (external)
    - Total: $324,361
      - Federal: $249,358 – USDA/Forest Services Wood Innovations Program
      - Foundation: $75,003
  - Significant contributions to the school
    - Total: $707,000 (In hand: $117,500)
      - Arkansas Timber Chair in Wood Design and Innovation: $500,000 pledge
      - June Bieber Freeman Endowed Lectures in Architecture: $50,000 gift
      - Fay and Gus Jones House Stewardship Endowment: $50,000 gift
      - Endowment for Leadership for Climate Change Action: $5,000 gift toward $50,000 endowment
      - Tim LaTourette Memorial Scholarship: $8,000 gift toward $50,000 pledge
      - Judy Byrd Brittenum Central Landscape Award (renewed): $2,500
      - HFA Designing with Technology Scholarship: $2,000
      - Phillips Family Scholarship in Landscape Architecture: $2,500 pledge
Number of publications
- **Total**: 17
  - Books: 1
  - Book Chapters: 2
  - Refereed Articles: 4
  - Other publications: 10

Student growth
- **Total enrollment increased 2.5%**
  - Fall 2014 enrollment: 469
  - Fall 2015 enrollment: 481
- **Female enrollment increased 7.69%**
  - Fall 2014 female enrollment: 250
  - Fall 2015 female enrollment: 270
- **Diversity among students (including international students) increased by 7%**
  - Fall 2014 diversity enrollment: 137
  - Fall 2015 diversity enrollment: 147

New administrators
- **Dr. Winifred E. Newman**, Head, Department of Architecture

Awards/honors
- **National Design Award 2016**, Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum
  - Marlon Blackwell
- **Emerging Voices Award 2016**, Architectural League of New York
  - Frank Jacobus
  - Marc Manack
- **Centenary Lecturer of the Year**, Finlandia Foundation
  - Peter MacKeith
- **Parker Westbrook Award for Lifetime Achievement**, Preserve Arkansas
  - Dr. Ethel Goodstein-Murphree
- **Creative Scholarship Award**, Interior Design Educators National Conference
  - Kim Furlong
- **Merit Award for Sustained Service to Interior Design Education**, Interior Design Educators Council
  - Jennifer Webb
- **NADO Innovation Awards**, National Association of Development Organizations
  - *Faulkner County Disaster Recovery Project*
    - UACDC + Central Arkansas Planning and Development District/UALR Institute for Economic Advancement
    - *Texarkana Art Park and Perot Theater Revitalization*
      - University of Arkansas Community Design Center + Marlon Blackwell Architect
    - *Slow Street: A New Town Center for Mayflower, Arkansas*
      - University of Arkansas Community Design Center
  - **2015-2016 ACSA Collaborative Practice Award**, American Collegiate Schools of Architecture and American Institute of Architects
    - *Fayetteville 2030: Food City Scenario*
      - University of Arkansas Community Design Center
  - **2016 Honor Award for Regional and Urban Design**, American Institute of Architects
    - *Fayetteville 2030: Food City Scenario*
      - University of Arkansas Community Design Center
- Honor Award for Planning and Analysis, American Society of Landscape Architects
  Central States
  *Fayetteville 2030: Food City Scenario*
  University of Arkansas Community Design Center
- Award of Merit for Planning and Analysis, American Society of Landscape Architects
  Central States
  *Conway Urban Watershed Framework Plan*
  University of Arkansas Community Design Center/Office for Sustainability
- Merit Award for Architectural Interior Design, AIA Gulf States Region
  *University of Arkansas Community Design Center Studio*
  University of Arkansas Community Design Center/Polk Stanley Wilcox Architects
- Ned Shank Award for Outstanding Preservation Publication, Preserve Arkansas
  *Of the Soil* (Geoff Winningham)
  Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design/University of Arkansas Press, published under our imprint
- Annual Volunteer Award, Arkansas Support Network
  *Accessible Garden Solutions*
  Jennifer Webb
- Contractors Construction & Developers Award 2015, Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce
  *University of Arkansas Community Design Center Studio*
  University of Arkansas Community Design Center/Polk Stanley Wilcox Architects
  *Maumelle Environmental Trailhead Complex*
  University of Arkansas Community Design Center
- Merit Award, AIA Arkansas
  *Mood Ring House*, Fayetteville
  Frank Jacobus
  Mark Manack
- Merit Award, AIA Arkansas
  *Srygley Pool House*
  Marlon Blackwell
- Citation Award, AIA Arkansas
  *All Saints Episcopal Church*
  Marlon Blackwell

- Significant achievements and changes.
  - Retirements
    - Nann Miller, Associate Professor, Department of Interior Design
    - Judy Brittenum, Associate Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture
  - Achievements in teaching, research, and public service, especially those of national, regional, or statewide significance.
    - Invited participant in 2016 Venice Biennale Exhibition of World Architecture
      Marlon Blackwell, Steve Luoni
    - Hosted the Mayor’s Institute on City Design
    - Acquisition of the Fay and Gus Jones House/$350,000 ANCRC Grant
    - 1st Year collaborative design studio
    - Advance Design Studios: John G. Williams, and Garvan Woodland Gardens
    - International visiting faculty/practitioners: Gehl Architects/Urban Quality Consultants
      Copenhagen, Rinala/Eggertsson
    - Community Design Center
- Peter MacKeith, World War I Centennial Commemoration Committee, State of Arkansas
- Peter MacKeith, Ex Officio member of AIA Arkansas Board
- Peter MacKeith, Arkansas Arts Center Technical Committee
- Peter MacKeith, Chair, Selection Committee, NWA Design Excellence Committee, Walton Family Foundation
- Outreach to Little Rock design community through Arkansas Design Network Programs and studioMAIN
- Hosted delegation of SEC architecture and design deans
- Community Design Center designated inaugural member of AIA National Resilience Initiative
- Lecture series featured on Arch Daily, a leading architecture culture website

- Achievements of students and alumni or former students, especially those of national, regional, or statewide significance.
  - Awards/honors (current students):
    - **2015 Senior Student Scholarship Award**, The Angelo Donghia Foundation
      - Kelly Walsh
    - **Student Honor Award**, ASLA Arkansas Chapter
      - *Design Unbuilt*
      - Hannah Moll
      - Cameron Boyles
    - **Merit Award**, ASLA Student Chapter
      - Hannah Moll
    - **Design Excellence Award**, Hnedak Bobo Group
      - Carla Cheng
      - Juan Alvarez
    - **Honorable Mention**, Hnedak Bobo Group
      - Greg Scherer
      - Edmundo Gonzalez
  - Awards/honors (alumni)
    - **Winner**, National World War I Memorial Competition
      - Joe Weishaar (BArch 2013)
    - **Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Experimental Humanities**, Bard College
      - Gretta Tritch Roman (BArch 2005)
    - **“40 Under 40,” Arkansas Business**
      - Chris East (BArch 2003)
    - **2016 “Forty Under 40” Class**, Northwest Arkansas Business Journal
      - Kate Reilly-Phillips (BID 2007)
    - **2016 “Forty Under 40” Class**, Northwest Arkansas Business Journal
      - Lori Yazwinski Santa-Rita (BArch 2005)
    - **State AIA Appointments**
      - Tim Maddox (BArch 2002), president elect
      - Travis Bartlett (BArch 1996), vice president
      - Lori Yazwinski Santa-Rita (BArch 2006), secretary
    - **Merit Award**, AIA Arkansas
      - *University Housing Office*
      - Polk Stanley Wilcox Architects