In March 1997, a team from the National Architectural Accrediting Board reviewed the architecture program. This is part of a rigorous process that assures that accredited programs continue to meet high standards. At the conclusion of an intense four-day visit, the five-member team made the following comments to the university’s administration, faculty and students. As a result of the visit Woodbury received the highest level of approval.

**Lawrence Segrue, FAIA, Team Chair:**

- My impression of what an academic program should be in general.
- There are certain constraints, but flexibility and opportunity are being utilized to an extraordinary degree.
- Program now has a national reputation. Within the LA basin, the program is highly respected.

**Chair’s Conclusion:**

- It (the review) was an effort, but it was the first time I felt it wasn’t a job.

**Christine Lampert, Team Member:**

- This is a non-traditional school. Others may not approve, but I consider it strength. I’m really thrilled; I’ve been agitating for years as a practitioner. The program is a wonderful blend of educators listening and practitioners talking.
- Woodbury has set an example—a model—that’s really unique, and it’s working. Commendable.

**Michael Semmen, Team Member:**
(5th year architecture student at Washington State University)

- I’m very impressed. Student work is phenomenal. I’m impressed with the craft, technology, drawing of students, and with the relationships between students and faculty.
- I’m grateful to see this atmosphere. You’re doing a wonderful job here at Woodbury.

**Spyros Amourgis, Team Member:**
(College of Environmental Design, Cal Poly Pomona. Now in academic after years as a practicing architect in Europe and U.S.)

- There’s a cohesive community with all parts interactive.
- You are unique, representing what a community is—that’s sacred and rare. Don’t ever lose it.
- Very good stewardship with Dean (Naidorf) and Chair (Forbes).
  (I don’t like to use the word leadership; it tends to be abused)

**David Glasser, FAIA:**
(Director, University of Arkansas Community Design Center; taught at Harvard, University of Wisconsin, South Florida, Temple University; associate dean, Columbia University)

- Someone had to be the “mirth control director” I volunteered.
- After 30 years of experience, this is far and away the most promising program I’ve ever seen; a fantastic institution.
- The Boyer Report refers to building community. The architecture program is blessed with being a model of what the Report says; it’s not bound up in ideological nonsense.