LETTER OF APPROVAL

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Subject: Approval to School of Architecture, Karpagam University, Karpagam Academy of Higher Education, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, for introduction of 5 year (Full-Time) BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE Degree Course from the Academic Session - 2009-2010.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to state that the Executive Committee of the Council of Architecture (CoA) at its 99th meeting held on June 19, 2009, considered the CoA Experts Committee Report dated May 06, 2009 (copy enclosed) on the inspection held on May 06, 2009 at your University's School of Architecture, Karpagam University, Karpagam Academy of Higher Education, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, and decided to accord approval for the introduction of 5 year full-time B.Arch. course detailed below:-

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<th>NAME OF THE FULL-TIME COURSE</th>
<th>DURATION</th>
<th>LEVEL OF COURSE</th>
<th>ANNUAL INTAKE</th>
<th>PERIOD OF APPROVAL</th>
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<td>Bachelor of Architecture</td>
<td>Five Years Full-Time</td>
<td>Under Graduate</td>
<td>40 (Fifty)</td>
<td>2009-2010</td>
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1. The above mentioned intake of 40 (Fifty) includes admissions under all categories as per the reservation policy of the Central/State Governments. However, admissions under the "Supernumerary" quota for Government of India nominees shall be over and above the CoA sanctioned total intake for a particular Academic Year.

2. The CoA has devised an Institutional Code for the said School of Architecture, Karpagam University, Karpagam Academy of Higher Education, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, which is TN19. Kindly take note of the same and use it in all your future correspondence with the CoA.

3. The Executive Committee has directed that no students should be admitted in the 1st year of 5 year full-time B.Arch. degree course by the Institution from the academic session 2009-2010 without affiliation to a University formed under Central/State Legislation.

4. The Executive Committee further directed the institution to initiate necessary remedial actions based on the inspection report and send its observations on the same, any, for further consideration of the Executive Committee.

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Your approval is also subject to compliance of specific conditions attached herewith. The compliance of all
these must be submitted to CoA on or before Monday, July 20, 2009.

6. A CoA Experts Committee will visit your Institution, before the expiry of the Academic Session 2009-2010, to
conform to the fact that the said course is imparted as per the Rules/Regulations/Guidelines prescribed by CoA, from time
to time, under the Architects Act, 1972 and also to recommend whether to accord extension of approval for the Academic
Session 2010-2011 and beyond or otherwise.

7. The Executive Committee has further directed that your Institution should follow the "Council of Architecture -
Minimum Standards of Architectural Education, 2008" which have been prescribed pursuant to Section 21 of the
Architects Act, 1972 supplementing the Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education)
Regulations, 1983, for imparting the above said B Arch degree course. This document has already been circulated vide
CoA's letter No.CA/5/Academic dated March 19, 2009 (copy enclosed), to all the stakeholders concerned with
architectural education in the country and is also available at the website of CoA i.e. www.coa.gov.in

8. Please note that as per the above referred Minimum Standards (i) no candidate, with less than 50% marks in
aggregate, shall be admitted to the architectural course unless he/she has passed an examination at the end of the new 10+2
scheme of Senior School Certificate Examination or equivalent with Mathematics as subjects of examination at the 10+2
level or (ii) 10+3 Diploma (any stream) recognised by Central/State Governments with 50% aggregate marks or (iii)
International Baccalaureate Diploma, after 10 years of schooling, with not less than 50% marks in aggregate and with
Mathematics as compulsory subject of examination.

9. In addition to the above, the admissions further shall be subject to the candidates passing an aptitude test in
architecture. It is advisable to admit students in the 1st year of 5 year B.Arch. degree course on the basis of marks obtained
in any of the above said eligibility qualification and the marks scored in National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA)
administered by CoA.

10. Adequate architecture teaching faculty are to be recruited as per the Minimum qualifications, experience and
structure for teaching posts in a degree level architectural institution as prescribed in Appendix-B1 of the Minimum
Standards under reference. You are requested to adopt these Minimum Standards relating to Duration and Stages of the
Course, Admission to the Architecture Course, Courses and periods of Studies, Standards of staff, equipment,
accommodation, training and other facilities for technical education and Sanctions in your Institution for imparting
recognized architectural education under the Architects Act, 1972.

11. Please note that the Interview Board or Selection Committee etc. set up for recruitment(s)/promotion(s) in respect
of architecture teaching faculty positions shall have a representative of the CoA. The said CoA representative will act as a
full-fledged Member of the Interview Board or Selection Committee and help in scrutinizing the qualification, experience
and other relevant details of the applicants for selection of suitable candidates. Recruitment(s) or Promotions made to
architecture teaching faculty positions in your Institution without the involvement of a CoA representative is not acceptable
to the CoA. Please also note that the Head as well as other architecture teaching faculty of your Institution should have
valid registration under the Architects Act, 1972 with the CoA.

12. On completion of the admissions during the Academic Year 2009-2010, you are requested to submit immediately
a list of students admitted in the 1st year of 5 year full-time B.Arch. courses in the following format in both hard & soft
COPY (through e-mail or CD):

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<tr>
<th>Sl No.</th>
<th>Name of the Student</th>
<th>Date of Birth</th>
<th>Father's Name</th>
<th>Category (Whether SC/ST/OBC General or other)</th>
<th>Marks in the Qualifying Examination (10+2 or equivalent)</th>
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<td>Marks Obtained</td>
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13. Admissions to the course shall be made as per the reservation policy of the respective State/Central Government.

Thinking you,

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Virend Kumar
Registrar

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Institution should not admit any students in the 1st year of 5 year full-time B.Arch. degree course by the Institution from the academic session 2009-2010 without affiliation to a University formed under Central/State Legislation.

2. The affiliating University shall create an independent Faculty of Architecture and independent Board of Studies in Architecture for proper growth and development of course in Architecture and prepare Syllabus, Course Curriculum, Scheme of Examination in accordance with the Minimum Standards of Architectural Education as prescribed by CoA. At least 1/3 of its members must be from practice.

3. In due course, the affiliating University must create Board of Studies in Architecture, Interior Design, Building Construction Technology etc. under the Faculty of Architecture to deal with issues connected with theses disciplines at U.G. and P.G. level, having at least 1/3 of its members from practice.

4. The institution must create Course Committees for continuous development of educational programme. At least 1/3 of its member must be from practice.

5. The institution must recruit the adequate architecture teaching faculty as per the minimum qualifications, experience and structure for teaching posts in a degree level architectural institution as prescribed in Appendix-B1 of the "Council of Architecture – Minimum Standards of Architectural Education, 2006" which have been prescribed pursuant to Section 21 of the Architects Act, 1972 supplementing the Council of Architecture (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 1983, for imparting the above said B.Arch. degree course.

The Interview Board shall have a representative of CoA.

6. Visiting faculty be drawn from practice upon 25% of the teaching load.

7. Under the provisions of Section 19(1) of the Architects Act, 1972, CoA experts shall witness the final year thesis as well as affiliating University exam, particularly for Architectural Design.

8. Stages of the Course:

The stages of the course shall be as per CoA (Minimum Standards of Architectural Education) Regulations, 1983. The candidates admitted to the course shall complete the first stage within 5 years of admission to the course.

9. The intake of 40 include admissions under all categories and as per the reservation policy of the respective State Government. However, the admissions under the "Supernumerary" quota for Government of India nominees shall be over and above the CoA sanctioned total intake for a particular Academic Year.

10. Admission and Aptitude Test:

As per the Minimum Standards prescribed by CoA under the Architects Act, 1972, admission of candidates to first year of 5-year B.Arch. degree course shall be subject to their passing an aptitude test in architecture. It is advisable to admit students in the 1st year of 5 year B.Arch. degree course on the basis of marks obtained in the National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA) administered by CoA.

All admissions to B.Arch. Course shall be made at 1st year level and it shall be made by 1st working day in the month of September of a calendar year.

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The institution must complete any remaining building within the next three years from now. Necessary infrastructure shall be created to make it suitable for Architectural Studies.

The institution must constitute an independent Governing Council for a School of Architecture, having Architect members in majority.

Land use certificate for institutional use of land from competent authority be submitted to the CoA.

Following infrastructure be created:

(i) The institution must have built up space of 3000 sq.mt. within the next three years.
(ii) All spaces must be barrier free (i.e. disabled friendly)

The institution must acquire at least 500 titles before the commencement of the course and 200 titles annually and necessary subscription be made to get at least 10 professional journals (Architecture) on regular basis.

Workshop facilities for model making and construction related activities be created.

A Computer Lab be set up with 40 computers within 3 years along with software related to Visual Art & Architecture.

A Photography Lab be set up.

An Audio Visual room with necessary equipment be set up.

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Vinod Kumar
Registrar