U of H archy walkout yields results

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The University of Houston will reappraise its architecture program following a walkout by the architecture students, stimulated by the loss of full accreditation by the College of Architecture.

On September 1, the National Architectural Board changed the University of Houston’s standing from a fully accredited architecture school to Provisional status. According to the board, the reason for its action was to indicate to the University the need for improvements.

Listed in the board’s report as changes necessary before full accreditation is achieved again were correspondence of courses to their catalog description, better leadership in the Architecture College, higher pay for the professors, and a better curriculum. Although the college has “provisional accreditation,” it enjoys all the privileges of a fully accredited school.

According to R. W. Lilliot, Dean of Architecture at the University, the main reason for the ruling is a lack of space. Lilliot also said that the space problem will be improved in the near future by using vacancies in the engineering and psychology buildings.

With the news of the provisional basis of accreditation being leveled at the University of Houston, Architecture students took matters into their hands with a one-day walkout in protest of the existing learning conditions. By calling the boycott of classes, the architects forced the administration to deal with the provisional ruling in conjunction with the students.

The administration and architecture students have designated the first part of November as a date for the first question-answer session on the improvements.