



August 5, 2019

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Via email and United Parcel Service

Dear Dr. Thomas and Professor Linganna:

The IACBE Board of Commissioners met July 17, 2019 to review the accreditation status of Ramaiah Institute of Management Studies (RIMS). **After careful review, the Board of Commissioners voted to place RIMS on “suspension”.** Failure to remedy the issues noted herein by October 15, 2019 may result in the revocation of accreditation. The pertinent portion of the Board of Commissioners Policies and Procedures Manual (available online in the Member Resource area) states:

*Suspension of Accreditation*

Suspension of accreditation occurs when, in the judgment of the Board of Commissioners, an accredited business program no longer complies with the IACBE’s Accreditation Principles and/or policies and procedures. A judgment of suspension will specify the time period, conditions, and terms by which the program may regain accreditation through correction of the conditions that led to the suspension.

Reasons for suspension include, but are not limited, to the following circumstances:

1. When any component of an accredited business program is thoroughly examined and found not to be in compliance with current IACBE Accreditation Principles and/or policies and procedures.
2. When periodic reports filed by the academic business unit fail to conform to IACBE reporting requirements as described in Section Four: Reporting Requirements.
3. When any substantial or significant change in the operation, structure, governance, ownership, control, location, facilities of the institution, or in the business programs of the academic business unit is made without notification to the IACBE.
4. When the academic business unit fails to respond adequately to inquiries or requests for information, or fails to cooperate in completing arrangements for a scheduled evaluation.
5. When the academic business unit has substantially disregarded directives of the IACBE.
6. When the academic business unit fails to file an interim report on a timely basis as required by the IACBE.

7. When the academic business unit has failed to pay its annual membership dues or accreditation fees in a timely manner as established by the IACBE Board of Directors.

If the academic business unit does not correct the conditions that led to the suspension in the specified time period, its business programs will be subject to revocation of accreditation.

Upon reviewing the current status of RIMS, the Board of Commissioners found:

1. RIMS has been out of compliance with IACBE reporting requirements for two years in a row. Despite previous notices, neither the Public Disclosure of Student Achievement nor the link to RIMS' member status page has been posted for 2017 or 2018.
2. Despite previous notices, RIMS has failed to adequately address the Board of Commissioners note on Principle 2.2 which was due April 30, 2015.
3. Despite previous notices, RIMS has not filed an application for reaffirmation or the required fee, despite the fact that RIMS' accreditation expires December 31, 2019.
4. A representative of RIMS has not attended the required Accreditation Institute for reaffirmation.

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Accreditation represents a continuing relationship between an institution and its accrediting organization. Specialized program accreditation by the IACBE is dependent upon your institution remaining (i) in good standing with your institutional accrediting body and (ii) in compliance with the IACBE's Accreditation Principles and Policies.

The Board of Commissioners Policies and Procedures Manual states "...the academic business unit will have a 60-day time period in which to initiate an appeal of accreditation withdrawal." *Failure to follow the appeal process outlined in the manual within 60 days of this notice will result in a forfeiture of RIMS right to appeal the suspension.*

Should you have any questions or if I can be of assistance to you, please contact me through the IACBE's headquarters office.

Sincerely,



Dr. Patrick Hafford, Chair  
Board of Commissioners