



International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education

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Javier Miyares, President
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3501 University Boulevard East
Adelphi, MD 20783

Dear Mr. Miyares:

The IACBE Board of Commissioners met on December 2-4, 2014 to consider your request for accreditation of the business programs offered by the University of Maryland University College. I am pleased to report that the Board of Commissioners approved your request and granted accreditation to your business accompanied by the notes, observations, and commendations identified below.

Notes

Notes represent areas in which the institution is not in full compliance with the IACBE's Accreditation Principles. The University of Maryland University College is required to take action on the notes as specified by the IACBE Board of Commissioners, and until the issues identified in the notes have been satisfactorily addressed, the progress made in complying with the commissioners' requirements as stipulated in the notes must be reported each year in your annual report to the IACBE. Unless otherwise indicated herein, the institution has three years to address the issues identified in the notes.

Principle 1.1: Outcomes Assessment – Degree of Compliance: Substantially Compliant

While assessment measures have been improved, work still needs to be done in using the results of the analysis of assessment data to inform strategic planning and budgeting. In its next annual report to the IACBE, the college must provide a description of the ways in which the results of the assessment analysis are used to inform strategic planning and budgeting.

Principle 7.6: External Accountability – Degree of Compliance: Substantially Compliant

The college needs to ensure that the paths on its website to the required public disclosures are easily accessible to the public and lead to both the Public Notification of Accreditation and the Public Disclosure of Student Learning Assessment Results.

Subsequent to the Board of Commissioners meeting in December 2014, the University of Maryland University College updated its Public Disclosure of Student Learning Assessment Results to include the most recent year's results. This was confirmed by IACBE on January 20, 2015.

The wording currently on the website for the Public Notification of Accreditation is incomplete. The correct wording is provided on the IACBE website at: www.iacbe.org/public-disclosure.asp. The new wording, based on the results of your most recent accreditation review, is available at the end of this letter. Please provide confirmation of this update to the IACBE as soon as the update is completed.

Observations

Observations are suggestions for improvement by the IACBE Board of Commissioners that it believes would be helpful to the University of Maryland University College in achieving excellence in business education. Action on observations is highly recommended, but is not required.

Principle 7.3: Business and Industry Linkages – Degree of Compliance: Substantially Compliant

The description of the contributions of the MBA Advisory Board is still vague. The Board of Commissioners recommends that minutes of the board meetings be maintained in order to document its contributions.

Commendations

Commendations are findings of the Board of Commissioners in those areas in which the board believes that the University of Maryland University College is demonstrating exceptional performance.

The University of Maryland University College is commended for:

- its comprehensive faculty evaluation program,
- its flexible faculty development program, and
- its extensive library support for the MBA program.

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 as set forth in the *IACBE Bylaws*, *Accreditation Process Manual*, and *Self-Study Manual*. Your accreditation is valid for a maximum of seven years, through December 31, 2021.

The following notice pertaining to your accreditation status with the IACBE must be used in your official publications, including your institutional website:

The University of Maryland University College has received specialized accreditation for its business programs through the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE) located at 11374 Strang Line Road in Lenexa, Kansas, USA. The business programs in the following degrees are accredited by the IACBE:

- *Master of Business Administration: Two-Year Program (AMBA)*
- *Master of Business Administration: One-Year Program (CMBA)*
- *Dual Master of Business Administration – MBA Portion (DMBA)*

The University of Maryland University College will be publicly recognized for achieving accreditation at the 2015 IACBE Annual Conference and Assembly Meeting on April 14-17, 2015 in Baltimore, Maryland, USA. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

We encourage the business faculty at the University of Maryland University College to be actively involved in the IACBE's professional development programs and activities, including participation in the IACBE's Annual Conference and Assembly Meetings, regional conferences, and workshops, and serving as site-visit team peer reviewers.

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. Chip Mason, Chair
Board of Commissioners

cc: Dr. Marie Cini, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Robert Goodwin, JD, Chair, BEP Department
Dr. Anna Seferian, Director, MBA Program