



December 18, 2017

Dr. Andy Igonor  
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Dear Dr. Igonor:

The IACBE Board of Commissioners met on December 5-7, 2017 to consider your request for the special accreditation of the accounting programs offered by the Ross College of Business at Franklin University. I am pleased to report that the Board of Commissioners approved your request and granted accreditation to your accounting programs accompanied by the note, observation, and commendations identified below.

### **Notes**

Notes represent areas in which the Ross College of Business is not in full compliance with the IACBE's Accreditation Principles. The Ross College of Business 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 to the IACBE. The items requested below must be submitted to the IACBE by March 30, 2018. The reporting form for note compliance can be found on our website at: [www.iacbe.org/reports-note-compliance.asp](http://www.iacbe.org/reports-note-compliance.asp).

### **Principle 2.2: Assessment of Student Learning and Operational Effectiveness**

Provide Table A2.2: Operational Assessment Results.

### **Observations**

Observations are suggestions for further quality enhancements that the Board of Commissioners believes would be helpful to the Ross College of Business in achieving excellence in business education but are not required for compliance with the IACBE's Accreditation Principles. Action on observations by the Ross College of Business is optional, and reporting is not required.

### **Principle A6.3: Career Development and Planning Services**

The Board of Commissioners recommends that the Ross College of Business consider using a larger sample of testimonials to determine the effectiveness of the career

#### **Commendations**

Commendations are findings of the Board of Commissioners in those areas in which the board believes that the Ross College of Business is demonstrating excellent performance.

- The Board of Commissioners commends the Ross College of Business for the accounting curriculum development and design process and the use of cutting edge integrated technology.
- The Board of Commissioners commends the Ross College of Business for the extensive curriculum update and review process. The accounting program chairs and lead faculty meet with adjuncts each year to discuss feedback on current courses to ensure that the curriculum is up-to-date, relevant and consistent to provide accounting education that prepares students for careers in the field of accounting.

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Accreditation represents a continuing relationship between an institution and its accrediting organization. Specialized accounting 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. Your accreditation is valid for seven years, to run concurrently with your business program accreditation, which is valid through December 31, 2024.

All accredited members of the IACBE are required to submit an Interim Quality Assurance Report (IQAR) during their period of accreditation. The IQAR for the Ross College of Business at Franklin University will be due by November 30, 2021. For more information about the new reporting process, please contact IACBE headquarters.

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The link to your member status page, which contains a listing of your accredited programs, must be provided on your Ross College of Business home page. You may also use the following notice pertaining to your accreditation status with the IACBE for other official publications.

*In addition, the Ross College of Business at Franklin University has received special accounting accreditation for its accounting programs through the IACBE. The accounting program in the following degrees are accredited by the IACBE:*

<b>Business Program</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Academic Business Unit</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Master of Science, Accounting</li></ul>	Beavercreek, OH Brunswick, OH Columbus, OH Online	Ross College of Business

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor of Science, Accounting</li> </ul>	Beavercreek, OH Brunswick, OH Columbus, OH Delaware, OH Dublin, OH Indianapolis, IN Gahanna, OH Kirtland, OH Parma, OH Shelby, OH Online	Ross College of Business
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor of Science, Forensic Accounting</li> </ul>	Beavercreek, OH Brunswick, OH Columbus, OH Indianapolis, IN Kirtland, OH Online	Ross College of Business

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Ross College of Business at Franklin University will be publicly recognized for achieving special accounting accreditation at the 2018 IACBE Annual Conference and Assembly Meeting on April 17-20, 2018 in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

We encourage the accounting faculty from the Ross College of Business 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. Laurie Yates, Chair  
 Board of Commissioners

cc: Kia Stone, Accreditation Specialist  
 Danielle Buckius, Executive Director of AIE