



April 10, 2020

Dr. Jeffrey A. Mello
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Dear Dr. Mello:

The IACBE Board of Commissioners met March 30-31, 2020 to consider your request for the accreditation of the business programs offered by the School of Business at Rhode Island College. I am pleased to report that the Board of Commissioners approved your request and granted specialized accreditation to the business program(s) as identified below, accompanied by the following note(s) and observation(s).

Notes

Notes are an indicator that while the program is in compliance with the Principles, additional monitoring is warranted. The School of Business is required to take action as specified below and respond to the IACBE by June 1, 2020 using the IACBE Notes Report. The reporting form can be found on our website at: www.iacbe.org/reports-note-compliance.asp.

Principle 2.1: Assessment Planning

Revise the Outcomes Assessment Plan to correct the following and include all sections, not just Section II measures:

1. The measures for Bachelor of Science in Accounting does not include Communications, ISLO #4
2. The measure for Bachelor of Science in Management indicates that oral communication (presentation) is performed as a team. Ensure that students are rated individually.
3. The direct measure ACCT 661 in the Master of Professional Accountancy program does not appear to measure ISLO #6 regarding teams.
4. The direct measure for teams in the Master in Operations Management appears to measure only groups, and not individuals, only groups (ISLO #7)

Observations

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

No observations were made by the Board of Commissioners.

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.

Your Period of Accreditation is: March 30, 2020 – April 30, 2027.

In addition to the compliance reports due November 1 of each year, 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 School of Business will be due by November 1, 2024. For more information on these reports, please refer to the IACBE website under Accreditation > Compliance.

The following language must be used on the School of Business homepage, linking to your IACBE status page at <https://iacbe.org/memberpdf/RhodeIslandCollege.pdf>.

The School of Business at Rhode Island College has received specialized accreditation for its business programs through the International Accreditation Council for Business Education (IACBE) located at 11374 Strang Line Road in Lenexa, Kansas, USA. For a list of accredited programs click [here](#).

If the list of accredited programs is provided in other official print publications, the following notice pertaining to your accreditation status with the IACBE must be used.

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Business Programs
Master of Professional Accountancy
Master of Science in Health Care Administration
Master of Science in Operations Management
Bachelor of Arts in Economics
Bachelor of Science in Accounting
Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems
Bachelor of Science in Finance
Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration
Bachelor of Science in Management
Bachelor of Science in Marketing

The following locations are approved to offer the above listed business programs:

Locations	
Main Campus	600 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence, RI 02918

The School of Business will be publicly recognized for achieving accreditation at the 2021 IACBE Annual Conference and Assembly Meeting on April 12-16, 2021 in Orlando, Florida. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

We encourage the business faculty in the School 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 Ted Collins at tcollins@iacbe.org through the IACBE's headquarters office at +1 913-631-3009.

Sincerely,



Dr. Patrick Hafford, Chair
Board of Commissioners

Cc: Dr. Frank Sanchez, President
Dr. Roberta Pearlmuter, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs