

August 13, 2020

Ms. Lois McWhorter Chair Hutton School of Business University of the Cumberlands 7984 College Station Drive Williamsburg, KY 40769

Dear Ms. McWhorter:

At its July 2020 meeting, the IACBE Board of Commissioners considered the application for new program(s) submitted by the Hutton School of Business at the University of the Cumberlands. I am pleased to report that the Board of Commissioners approved the application and granted specialized accreditation to the business program(s) as identified below, accompanied by the following note(s) and observation(s):

## **Business Program**

Doctor of Business Administration with content specialties in

- Accounting
- Entrepreneurship
- Healthcare Administration
- Marketing
- Project Management
- Strategic Management

Doctor of Philosophy in Business with content specialties in

- Accounting
- Entrepreneurship
- Healthcare Administration
- Marketing
- Project Management
- Strategic Management

## **Notes**

Notes are an indicator that while the program is in compliance with the Principles, additional monitoring is warranted. The Hutton School of Business is required to take action as specified below and respond to the IACBE by October 30, 2020 using the IACBE Notes Report. The reporting form can be found on our website at: <a href="https://www.iacbe.org/reports-note-compliance.asp">www.iacbe.org/reports-note-compliance.asp</a>.

No notes were given by the Board of Commissioners.

## **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.

The aforementioned programs are now included in the current grant of accreditation and will be added to the school's list of IACBE-accredited programs within 30-days of the Board of Commissioners decision.

Accreditation represents a continuing relationship between an institution and its accrediting organization. Specialized program accreditation by the IACBE is dependent upon (i) your institution remaining in good standing with your institutional accrediting body and (ii) the Hutton School of Business maintaining responsibility for offering and operating newly approved degree programs in compliance with all IACBE Principles and reporting requirements.

We encourage all business faculty in the Hutton 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.

If you have any questions or if we can be of assistance, please feel free to contact Phyllis Okrepkie at <a href="mailto:pokrepkie@iacbe.org">pokrepkie@iacbe.org</a> or 913-631-3009.

Sincerely,

Dr. Patrick Hafford, Chair Board of Commissioners

CC: Dr. Emily Coleman, Provost

Dr. Vonda Moore, Director, DBA/Ph.D. Business Programs, Hutton School of Business

Dr. Jake Brock, Assistant Professor, Hutton School of Business