



International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education

December 12, 2016

Dr. Bonnie Higgins
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Dear Dr. Higgins:

The IACBE Board of Commissioners met on December 6-8, 2016 to consider your request for the accreditation of the business programs offered by the College of Business at Bemidji State University. I am pleased to report that the Board of Commissioners approved your request and granted accreditation to your business programs accompanied by the observations and commendation identified below.

Observations

Observations are suggestions for further quality enhancements that the Board of Commissioners believes would be helpful to the 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 college is optional, and reporting is not required.

Principle 1.1: Outcomes Assessment

The Board of Commissioners recommends that the College of Business work to expand the descriptions of the levels of student performance in the scoring rubrics. More detailed descriptions for each level of performance will help to simplify the process for faculty who review the work as well as increasing inter-rater reliability.

Principle 6.1: Financial Resources

The Board of Commissioners recommends that the College of Business review the need for clerical support to determine whether a shared clerical support person is sufficient to meet the support needs of the faculty.

Commendations

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

- The Board of Commissioners commends the College of Business for including IACBE faculty qualification criteria into its hiring process.

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 accreditation is valid for a maximum of seven years, through December 2023.

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

Bemidji State University has received 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 at the listed locations are accredited by the IACBE:

Business Programs	Locations
• <i>Bachelor of Science with a major in Accounting</i>	<i>Bemidji</i>
• <i>Bachelor of Science with a major in Business Administration and an emphasis in Entrepreneurship/Small Business Management</i>	<i>Bemidji, Coon Rapids</i>
• <i>Bachelor of Science with a major in Business Administration and an emphasis in Finance</i>	<i>Bemidji</i>
• <i>Bachelor of Science with a major in Business Administration and an emphasis in International Business</i>	<i>Bemidji</i>
• <i>Bachelor of Science with a major in Business Administration and an emphasis in Management</i>	<i>Bemidji, Coon Rapids</i>
• <i>Bachelor of Science with a major in Business Administration and an emphasis in Marketing</i>	<i>Bemidji, Coon Rapids</i>

Business Programs***Locations***

- *Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems*

Bemidji

Bemidji State University will be publicly recognized for achieving accreditation at the 2017 IACBE Annual Conference and Assembly Meeting on April 18-21, 2017 in San Francisco, California, USA. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

We encourage the business faculty at Bemidji State University 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. Michelle Reiss, Chair
Board of Commissioners