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December 12, 2024

Ms. Alden Gardiner  
Accreditation Coordinator  
Ross College of Business  
Franklin University  
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Dear Ms. Gardiner:

At its December 2024 meeting, the IACBE Board of Commissioners considered your request for the 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 specialized accounting accreditation to the accounting program(s) as identified in the “Accounting Programs” table 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 Ross College of Business is required to take action as specified below and respond to the IACBE **no later than February 17, 2025** (unless another due date is indicated within the Note). Responses must be submitted via the online platform available on our website: <https://iacbe.org/accreditation/compliance/note-compliance/> All documents must be provided in English.

*No Notes were identified 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 accounting 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 identified by the Board of Commissioners.*

Additionally, upon completion of the review the Board of Commissioners voted to not require an on-site follow-up visit.

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 for Accounting Programs.



**Your Next Approved Period of Accreditation is: January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2031**

In addition to the annual compliance reports, 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 that includes these accounting programs will be due by November 1, 2027. For more information on these reports, please refer to the IACBE website under Accreditation > Compliance.

The following language must be used on The Ross College of Business homepage, where “[status page](#)” is a hyperlink to your IACBE status page at <https://iacbe.org/memberpdf/FranklinUniversity.pdf>

*The Ross College of Business at Franklin University has received specialized accounting accreditation for its accounting programs through the International Accreditation Council for Business Education (IACBE) located at 11960 Quivira Road in Overland Park, Kansas, USA. For a list of accredited programs please view our IACBE member [status page](#).*

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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<b>Accounting Programs</b>
Master of Science – Accounting
Bachelor of Science – Accounting
Bachelor of Science – Forensic Accounting

The Ross College of Business will be publicly recognized for achieving accreditation for these programs at the 2025 IACBE Annual Conference and Assembly Meeting to be held on April 3-5, 2025, in Indianapolis, Indiana. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

We encourage the accounting faculty in 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.

If you have any questions or if we can be of assistance, please feel free to contact your liaison, Laurie Yates at [lyates@iacbe.org](mailto:lyates@iacbe.org), or 913-631-3009.



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Beaudry".

Sharon Beaudry, Chair  
Board of Commissioners

cc: Dr. David Decker, President  
Dr. Christopher Washington, Provost and Executive VPAA