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Dear Dr. Sheehan:

At its July 2024 meeting, the IACBE Board of Commissioners considered your request for the accreditation of the business programs offered by the School of Business at Southern Adventist University. I am pleased to report that the Board of Commissioners approved your request and granted specialized accreditation to the business program(s) as identified in the “Business 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 School of Business is required to take action as specified below and respond to the IACBE **no later than October 14, 2024** (unless another due date is indicated within the Note). Responses must be submitted via the online platform available on our website: www.iacbe.org/reports-note-compliance.asp. All documents must be provided in English.

Principle 2: Quality Assessment and Advancement

1. Each intended student learning outcome must be assessed by at least two different assessment measures, at least one of which must be a direct measure. Submit assessment results and corresponding analysis for the MBA Senior Exit Interview to be completed during the 2024-2024 academic year. The submission is due to the IACBE no later than **June 30, 2025**.

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.

Principle 7: Resources Supporting Business Programs

1. Excellence in business education is demonstrated by having sufficient resources to support a high-quality learning environment. It is recommended that resources related to faculty and advising be monitored considering Southern Adventist University’s enrollment growth successes.

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.

Your Approved Period of Accreditation is: August 1, 2024 - July 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 School of Business 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 School of Business homepage, where “[status page](#)” is a hyperlink to your IACBE status page at <https://iacbe.org/memberpdf/SouthernAdventistUniversity.pdf>

The School of Business at Southern Adventist University has received specialized accreditation for its business 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.

The School of Business at Southern Adventist University has received specialized accreditation for the following business programs through the International Accreditation Council for Business Education (IACBE) located at 11960 Quivira Road in Overland Park, Kansas, USA. The IACBE grants accreditation for business and accounting programs only. Locations and delivery modes for program offerings are at the sole discretion of the Member.

Business Programs
Master of Business Administration with concentrations in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounting • Finance • Management • Marketing • Healthcare Administration
Bachelor of Science in Business in Business Administration
Bachelor of Business Administration with concentrations in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounting • Finance • Management with Entrepreneurship emphasis • Management with International Business emphasis

- Management with Management emphasis
- Marketing

The School of Business will be publicly recognized for achieving accreditation for these programs at the 2025 IACBE Annual Conference and Assembly Meeting to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, April 3-5, 2025. 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.

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 or 913-631-3009.

Sincerely,



Sharon Beaudry, Chair
Board of Commissioners

cc: Dr. David Smith
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