



International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education

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Dr. Roger A. Roy, Chair
Division of Professional Management
University of Maine at Fort Kent
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Dear Dr. Roy:

The IACBE Board of Commissioners met on December 2-4, 2014 to reconsider the deferral of action on accreditation of the business programs offered by the Division of Professional Management at the University of Maine at Fort Kent. The Board of Commissioners had previously deferred action on accreditation pending a required mentoring visit by an IACBE staff member and the submission of a revised Outcomes Assessment Plan. These conditions have been met, and I am pleased to report that the Board of Commissioners has granted accreditation to your business programs accompanied by the note and observations identified below.

Notes

Notes represent areas in which the institution is not in full compliance with the IACBE's Accreditation Principles. The Division of Professional Management is required to take action on the notes as specified by the IACBE Board of Commissioners, and until the issues identified in the notes have been satisfactorily addressed, the progress made in complying with the commissioners' requirements as stipulated in the notes must be reported each year in your annual report to the IACBE. Unless otherwise indicated herein, the institution has three years to address the issues identified in the notes.

Principle 1.1: Outcomes Assessment – Degree of Compliance: Partially Compliant

In its future annual reports to the IACBE, the Division of Professional Management must submit complete assessment results, including both learning assessment and operational assessment results, based on its revised outcomes assessment plan.

Observations

Observations are suggestions for improvement by the IACBE Board of Commissioners that it believes would be helpful to the Division of Professional Management in achieving excellence in business education. Action on observations is highly recommended, but is not required.

Principle 6.1: Financial Resources

The Board of Commissioners recommends that the university and division consider reviewing the compensation levels of faculty.

Principle 6.4: Educational Technology and Support

The rotation cycle for the replacement of computers for both students and faculty is longer than the typical technology life of the equipment. Given that technology support is critically important for online programs, the Board of Commissioners recommends that the university consider expanding and enhancing resources in this area.

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 as set forth in the *IACBE Bylaws, Accreditation Process Manual, and Self-Study Manual*. Your accreditation is valid for a maximum of seven years, through December 2021.

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

The University of Maine at Fort Kent has received specialized 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 are accredited by the IACBE:

- *Bachelor of Science in Business Management with concentrations in:*
 - *Accounting*
 - *E-Business*
 - *Entrepreneurship and Management*
 - *Finance*
 - *Financial Services*
 - *Forest Management*
 - *Healthcare Administration*
 - *Human Resources Management*
 - *Sports Management and Representation*
- *Bachelor of Science in Rural Public Safety Administration with Planned Field of Study Specializations in:*
 - *Corrections*
 - *Criminal Justice*

- *Forensics*
 - *Game Warden*
 - *Homeland Security/Emergency Management*
 - *Law Enforcement*
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The University of Maine at Fort Kent will be publicly recognized for achieving accreditation at the 2015 IACBE Annual Conference and Assembly Meeting on April 14-17, 2015 in Baltimore, Maryland, USA. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

We encourage the business faculty at the University of Maine at Fort Kent 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. Chip Mason, Chair
Board of Commissioners

cc: Dr. Rachel Albert, Vice President of Academic Affairs
Prof. Leo Trudel, Assistant Professor of Business