



HLC Accreditation 2016-2017

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Appendix W

School of Accountancy Accreditation

Additional information:



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Dear Dr. Claycomb and Dr. Harrison:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Peer Review Team recommendation to extend accreditation for the undergraduate and master's degree programs in Accounting offered by the Wichita State University is concurred with by the Accounting Accreditation Committee and ratified by the Board of Directors. Congratulations to you, the faculty, the students, the staff, and all supporters of your school and its Accounting Programs.

One purpose of peer review is to stimulate further continuous improvement of quality programs. As noted in the team report, your School is to be commended on the following strengths and effective practices:

1. **The School's standard two/two teaching load, which provides capacity for engaging in significant** scholarly activities, professional development, interaction with the profession and initiatives related to student success.
2. Strong support among the professional accounting firms and industry for the School of Accountancy.
3. Highly active School of Accountancy Advisory Board.
4. Highly engaged and committed MAcc students.
5. Opportunity for high performing full professors to obtain multiple pay raises by reapplying periodically for a professor incentive review.
6. **The School's Assurance of Learning (AoL) processes are exceptional. In particular, the School uses several well-designed rubrics for AoL.**

Additionally, in the interest of continuous improvement, the School of Accountancy should closely monitor the following items and incorporate them in your ongoing strategic planning initiatives:

1. The School should assess its processes for evaluating research publications and define what is covered **by the term "other" intellectual contributions in their definition for the determination of academically** qualified faculty. They should also develop a process to assure that faculty have incentives to continuously improve their portfolio of research. (2003 Standard 35: Accounting Faculty Intellectual Contributions; 2003 Standard 2: Intellectual Contributions; 2003 Standard 10: Faculty Qualifications; 2013 **Standard A2: Accounting Intellectual Contributions' Impact and Alignment with Mission**; 2013 Standard 2: Intellectual Contributions and Alignment with Mission; 2013 Standard 15: Faculty Qualifications and Engagement)

2. The school is currently facing a significant need for faculty leadership in the auditing area. The school should work to recruit and appropriately deploy faculty in this area to address this challenge. (2003 Standard 9: Faculty Sufficiency; 2013 Standard A4: Accounting Faculty Sufficiency and Deployment; 2013 Standard 5: Faculty Sufficiency and Deployment)

Wichita State University has achieved accreditation for five additional years. The next on-site continuous improvement review (formerly maintenance) occurs in the fifth year, 2017-2018. A timeline specific to your visit year is attached. Please note that your Continuous Improvement Review Application will be due on July 1st, two years prior to your review year. This application initiates the continuous improvement review process. In this application you will be expected to provide an update on progress in addressing the concerns stated above in addition to other relevant information for initiation of the next continuous improvement review.

Please refer to the [Accounting Accreditation Handbook](#) for more information regarding the processes for the continuous improvement review. The handbook is evolving and will be updated frequently to provide the most current process improvements. Please monitor the website to make certain that you have the most current version.

Again, congratulations from the Accreditation Council and AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Thank you for participating in the continuous improvement review process and for providing valuable feedback that is essential to a meaningful and beneficial review.

Sincerely,



Robert Sullivan, Chair
Board of Directors

c: Thomas Calderon, Accounting Chair
Sanjay Varshney, Business Chair
Richard Mason, Accounting Member
Randy Edwards, Business Member

SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION
Continuous Improvement Review August 2013

Name of Institution:

Wichita State University

Name of Business Academic Unit:

W. Frank Barton School of Business, School of Accountancy

List of Degree Programs Reviewed:

Bachelor of Business Administration: Accounting

Master of Accountancy: Taxation & Accounting

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT REVIEW TIMELINE - Visit 2017-2018

13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and Refine Strategic Management Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and Refine Strategic Management Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and Refine Strategic Management Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and Refine Strategic Management Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and Refine Strategic Management Plan
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 1 - Submit Continuous Improvement Review Application with signed cover letter requesting continuous improvement review and preferred visit dates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee on Accreditation Policy rules on exclusions and the scope of the accreditation visit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Fifth Year Continuous Improvement Review Report.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit List of Degree Programs including Catalogs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with AACSB to select Peer Review Team from peer and aspirant groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Policies for Faculty Management, including Non-Tenure Track Faculty
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit request for exclusion of degree programs including justification for the request 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with AACSB to set the visit date 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accreditation Statistical Reports will be distributed to applicant and team members by AACSB upon request
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit List of Comparison Groups (Peer, Competitive, and Aspirant) <p><i>Previous four items to be submitted together.</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Peer Review Team to prepare the Visit Schedule
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer Review Team Visit