



Item: AS: I-1

**COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

**Tuesday, June 19, 2012**

**SUBJECT: ANNUAL ACCREDITATION STATUS UPDATE**

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

None. Information item.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In addition to regional accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), many of our colleges, and distinct programs within our colleges, are also accredited by discipline specific organizations. Currently twenty different outside accrediting organizations review and accredit our programs. In August of each year, a report on the status of each of our accredited programs is submitted to the Florida Board of Governors.

Accreditation is important to prospective students and employers – and frequently essential in degrees that lead to licensure. The accreditation process requires a written report frequently followed by a site visit by a team composed of representatives from the accrediting body, academics from other institutions, practitioners, and sometimes students.

This year a team from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) visited Florida Atlantic University to review the Geomatics program in the College of Engineering and Computer Science for initial accreditation. A final report was submitted to ABET/EAC in January. A final statement is due from ABET in July following their Board meeting.

For the coming academic year we are preparing for visits from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools / Commission on Colleges, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the National Association of Schools of Music, the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, and the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Physics Education Programs.

**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE**

Immediate.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.



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# Annual Accreditation Status Update

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# Institutional and Program Accreditation

Why do institutions and degree programs seek accreditation?

- Ensures institutions and programs are meeting recognized standards
- Important to students and employers
- Essential for some discipline-specific licensure and certification

# Institutional and Program Accreditation

What are the types of accrediting agencies?

- Regional and national institutional accrediting organizations
- Organizations and associations recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)
- Other specialized and professional accrediting organizations

# Institutional and Program Accreditation

What is the typical process for accreditation?

- Written report
- Site visit
- Preliminary report
- Factual corrections by the institution
- Final report from accrediting body
- Accredited for specific length of time

# Institutional and Program Accreditation

What is the institutional accrediting agency for FAU?

- Southern Association for Colleges and Schools/Commission on Colleges

How many degree programs are accredited at FAU?

- 47 programs currently accredited

# Institutional and Program Accreditation

What programs were reviewed in 2011-2012?

- B.S. in Geomatics Engineering in the College of Engineering and Computer Science: final report is expected in July



# Institutional and Program Accreditation

When is the next institutional re-accreditation?

- 2012-2013

What programs are being reviewed in 2012-2013?

- 13 degree programs in College of Business
- B.A. and M.A. in Music and B.Mus. in Music Education in College of Arts and Letters
- M.D. in College of Medicine
- M.S. in Medical Physics in College of Science

# Institutional and Program Accreditation

What is the timeline for SACS reaffirmation process?

- Compliance Certification Report (addresses 90 standards) submitted by Sept. 10, 2012

Three sections of CCR:

- 1) Core requirements: by federal law, must be in compliance to be reaffirmed
- 2) Comprehensive standards: addresses operation of university
- 3) Federal requirements: mandated by federal government

# Institutional and Program Accreditation

What is the timeline for SACS reaffirmation process?

- Compliance Certification Report (addresses 90 standards) submitted by Sept. 10, 2012
- Off-site review team report submitted in Nov. 2012
- FAU has opportunity to respond to report
- Quality Enhancement Plan submitted in Dec. 2012
- On-site visit scheduled for Feb. 5-7, 2013
- Decision on reaffirmation made shortly thereafter
- SACS Board of Trustees acts on reaffirmation in June 2013

# Institutional and Program Accreditation

## Accreditation Status Update

- Current accreditations

  - FAU is currently accredited by SACS

  - 47 degree programs are accredited

  - 1 degree program reviewed this past year

- Reviews scheduled for 2012-2013

  - FAU to be reviewed by SACS

  - 18 degree programs to be reviewed

## Report on the Accreditation Status of Universities, Professional Units, and Specialized Programs

### Programs That Are Accredited By Accrediting Organizations and Associations Recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation

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| Accrediting Organizations and Associations Participating in Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) 2009-2010 | Specific Colleges, Schools, Programs, Tracks, or Other Units That Are Accredited                  | All Associated Degree Programs (programs, tracks, and programs or tracks within larger units that are accredited by the accrediting body) |           |         | Accreditation Status | Date of First Accreditation | Date of Most Recent Accreditation | Date Current Accreditation Expires | Dates of Site Visit, if Scheduled During the 2012-2013 Year |                |
|---|---|---|-----------|---------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|----------------|
|   |   | Names   | CIP Codes |         |                      |                             |                                   |                                    |   | Degree Levels  |
|   |   |   | Old       | New     |                      |                             |                                   |                                    |   |                |
| <b>(Regional and National Institutional Accrediting Organizations)</b>  |   |   |           |         |                      |                             |                                   |                                    |   |                |
| Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)/ Commission on Colleges   | The University, which offers baccalaureate, master's, educational specialist and doctoral degrees | All   |           | All     | All                  | Accredited                  | 1967                              | December, 2002                     | December, 2012  | February, 2013 |
| <b>(Specialized and Professional Accrediting Organizations- CHEA Participants)</b>                                      |   |   |           |         |                      |                             |                                   |                                    |   |                |
| AACSB International ---The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business  | Business  | Business Administration   |           | 52.0201 | B, M, D              | Accredited                  | 1977                              | 2008                               | December, 2013  | February, 2013 |
|   |   | Accounting  |           | 52.0301 | B, M                 | Accredited                  | "                                 | "                                  | "   | 2013           |
|   |   | Finance   |           | 52.0801 | B                    | Accredited                  | "                                 | "                                  | "   | 2013           |
|   |   | International Business Mgmt.  |           | 52.1101 | B                    | Accredited                  | "                                 | "                                  | "   | 2013           |
|   |   | Info. Tech. Mgmt.   |           | 52.1201 | B, M                 | Accredited                  | "                                 | "                                  | "   | 2013           |
|   |   | Marketing   |           | 52.1401 | B                    | Accredited                  | "                                 | "                                  | "   | 2013           |
|   |   | Business Economics  |           | 45.0601 | B, M                 | Accredited                  | "                                 | "                                  | "   | 2013           |
|   |   | Taxation  |           | 52.1601 | M                    | Accredited                  | 1977                              | 2008                               | 2014  | 2013           |
| Computing Accreditation Commission (CAC) of the Accreditation Board for Engineering (ABET, Inc.)                        | Engineering   | Computer Science  |           | 11.0101 | B                    | Accredited                  | 1991                              | 2008                               | September, 2015   |                |
| Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of the Accreditation Board for Engineering (ABET, Inc.)                      | Engineering   | Computer Engineering  |           | 14.0901 | B                    | Accredited                  | 1997                              | 2008                               | September, 2015   |                |
|   |   | Electrical Engineering  |           | 14.1001 | B                    | Accredited                  | 1973                              | 2008                               | September, 2015   |                |
|   |   | Mechanical Engineering  |           | 14.1901 | B                    | Accredited                  | 1977                              | 2008                               | September, 2015   |                |

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|---|--|---|-----------|---------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
|   |  | Names   | CIP Codes |         | Degree Levels       |                      |                             |                                   |                                    |   |
|   |  |   | Old       | New     |                     |                      |                             |                                   |                                    |   |
|   |  | Ocean Engineering   |           | 14.2401 | B                   | Accredited           | 1973                        | 2008                              | September, 2015                    |   |
|   |  | Civil Engineering   |           | 14.0801 | B                   | Accredited           | 2004                        | 2008                              | September, 2015                    |   |
| American Institute of Certified Planners/ Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning/ Planning Accreditation Board (PAB)                 | College for Design and Social Inquiry  | Urban & Regional Planning   |           | 4.0301  | M                   | Accredited           | January, 1995               | January, 2005                     | December, 2015                     |   |
| American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)/ The Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) | College of Education   | Speech Pathology/ Audiology   |           | 51.0204 | M                   | Accredited           | 1994                        | 2007                              | 2015                               |   |
| Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)/ Division of Standards and Accreditation  | College for Design and Social Inquiry  | Social Work   |           | 44.0701 | B                   | Accredited           | 1982                        | Fall 2006                         | October, 2015                      |   |
|   |  | Social Work   |           | 44.0701 | M                   | Accredited           | Spring, 2003                | Fall, 2006                        | October, 2015                      |   |
| National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)   | Dorothy L. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters                                   | Music Education   |           | 13.1312 | B                   | Accredited           | 1972                        | Spring, 2001                      | 2012                               | October, 2012   |
|   |  | Music General   |           | 50.0901 | B, M                | Accredited           | 1972                        | Spring, 2001                      | 2012                               | October, 2012   |
| National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA)/ Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation (COPRA)          | College for Design and Social Inquiry  | Public Administration   |           | 44.0401 | M                   | Accredited           | 1978                        | Spring, 2007                      | 2014                               |   |
| National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)   | College of Education   | Professional Education Units  |           | All     | B, M, EdS, EdD, PhD | Accredited           | 1972                        | Spring, 2007                      | Spring, 2014                       |   |
| Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)   | Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing   | Nursing   |           | 51.3801 | B                   | Accredited           | December, 1984              | Spring, 2004<br>Spring, 2010      | June, 2015                         |   |
|   |  | Nursing   |           | 51.3801 | M                   | Accredited           | November, 1991              | Spring, 2004<br>Spring, 2010      | June, 2015                         |   |
|   |  | Nursing   |           | 51.3818 | DNP                 | Accredited           | April, 2010                 | Spring, 2010                      | June, 2015                         |   |
| University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA)  | College of Education   | Educational Leadership  |           | 13.0401 | M,S,D               | Accredited           | Spring, 2007                | Spring, 2007                      | ongoing membership, no expiration  |   |

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|---|--|---|-----------|---------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---------------|
|   |  | Names   | CIP Codes |         |                      |                             |                                   |                                    |   | Degree Levels |
|   |  |   | Old       | New     |                      |                             |                                   |                                    |   |               |
| Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)/American Counseling Association       | College of Education   | Counselor Education.; School Counselors, Mental Health Counselors   |           | 13.1101 | M                    | Accredited                  | July, 2005                        | July, 2005                         | October, 2013   |               |
| Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME)   | College of Medicine  | Doctor of Medicine  |           | 51.1201 | D                    | Preliminary                 | February, 2011                    | February, 2011                     |   | October, 2012 |

## Report on the Accreditation Status of Universities, Professional Units, and Specialized Programs

### Programs That Are Accredited By Accrediting Organizations and Associations Not Recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation

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| Other Specialized and Professional Accrediting Organizations | Specific Colleges, Schools, Programs, Tracks, or Other Units That Are Accredited | All Associated Degree Programs<br>(programs, tracks, and programs or tracks within larger units that are accredited by the accrediting body) |           |         |               | Accreditation Status | Date of First Accreditation | Date of Most Recent Accreditation | Date Current Accreditation Expires |
|--|--|--|-----------|---------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|  |  | Names  | CIP Codes |         | Degree Levels |                      |                             |                                   |                                    |
|  |  |  | Old       | New     |               |                      |                             |                                   |                                    |
| American Chemical Society (ACS)                              | Charles E. Schmidt College of Science  | Chemistry  |           | 40.0501 | B             | Accredited           | 1969                        | 2001                              | Summer, 2013                       |
| National Architecture Accrediting Board (NAAB)               | College for Design and Social Inquiry  | Architecture   |           | 4.0201  | B             | Accredited           | January, 1999               | 2011                              | 2017                               |
| National Strength and Conditioning Association               | College of Education, Exercise Science and Health Promotion                      | Strength and Conditioning  |           | 31.0505 | BS/BSE        | Accredited           | January, 2002               | July, 2002                        | June, 2013                         |
| National Strength and Conditioning Association               | College of Education, Exercise Science and Health Promotion                      | Strength and Conditioning  |           | 31.0505 | MS            | Accredited           | 2008                        | July, 2008                        | 2013                               |
| American College of Sports Medicine                          | College of Education, Exercise Science and Health Promotion                      | University Connection Program  |           | 31.0505 | BS/BSE        | Accredited           | 1999                        | 2007                              | 2013                               |
| Council on Rehabilitation Education                          | College of Education, Department of Counselor Education                          | Rehabilitation Counselor Education   |           | 13.1101 | M             | Accredited           | 2006                        | Fall, 2006                        | Summer, 2017                       |



## Report on the Accreditation Status of Universities, Professional Units, and Specialized Programs

### New Programs That Will Seek Accreditation When Eligible and Established Programs That Will Seek Accreditation Between 2010-2017

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| Accrediting Organizations and Associations   | Specific Colleges, Schools, Programs, Tracks, or Other Units That Are Seeking Initial Accreditation or Will Be in the Next Seven Years | All Associated Degree Programs<br>(programs, tracks, and programs or tracks within larger units that are accredited by the accrediting body) |           |         |               | Current Status  | Expected Date for Initial Accreditation | Dates of Site Visit, if Scheduled During the 2012-2013 Year |
|--|--|--|-----------|---------|---------------|---|---|---|
|  |  | Names  | CIP Codes |         | Degree Levels |   |   |   |
|  |  |  | Old       | New     |               |   |   |   |
| National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD)  | Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters   | Art  |           | 50.0702 | B, M          | On hold.  |   |   |
| National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST)  | Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters   | Theatre  |           | 50.0501 | B, M          | On hold.  |   |   |
| ABET (TAC)   | College of Engineering and Computer Science  | Information Engineering. Technology  |           | 15.1204 | B             | Program is being offered. Accreditation application will be filed in Sept 2013. | 2014                                    | February, 2013  |
| Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of the Accreditation Board for Engineering (ABET, Inc.) | College of Engineering and Computer Science  | Geomatics Engineering  |           | 14.3801 | B             | New Program beginning Fall 2007. Visit Fall 2011.                               | August 2012. Awaiting decision.         |   |
| Commission on Accreditation of Medical Physics Education Program                                   | Charles E. Schmidt College of Science  | Medical Physics  |           | 51.2205 | M             | Self-Study due August 2012  | 2012                                    | 2012  |

**Report on the Accreditation Status of Universities, Professional Units, and Specialized Programs**

**Programs That Currently Are NOT Accredited Seeking Accreditation Between 2009-2016, But For Which Accreditation is Available**

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| Accrediting Organizations and Associations                                      | Specific Colleges, Schools, Programs, Tracks, or Other Units That Currently Are Not Seeking Accreditation between 2009-2016, but for Which Accreditation is Available | All Associated Degree Programs (programs, tracks, and programs or tracks within larger units that are accredited by the accrediting body) |           |         |               | Reasons for Not Seeking Accreditation Between 2009 - 2016 | Plans for Seeking Accreditation After 2016 |
|---|---|---|-----------|---------|---------------|---|--|
|   |   | Names   | CIP Codes |         | Degree Levels |   |  |
|   |   |   | Old       | New     |               |   |  |
| Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC) | Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters  | Communication   |           | 23.1001 | B, M          | Not of benefit to the program at this time.               |  |
| Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA)             | College of Business   | Health Administration   |           | 51.0701 | B, M          | Developing New Programs                                   | Yes  |