



NASPAA—The Global Standard in Public Service Education

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MEMORANDUM

Comment [H1]: Decision Letter: Accreditation with no monitoring

TO: NASPAA PRINCIPAL REP

CC: PROVOST

FROM: CHAIR
Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation,
Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration

DATE: DATE

SUBJECT: NASPAA Accreditation Review

On behalf of the Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation (COPRA), I am pleased to inform you that the Commission found your PROGRAM program to be in substantial conformity with the NASPAA Standards. Your program is accredited for a period of TERM years and will be included on the Annual Roster of Accredited Programs.

Please accept the Commission's congratulations on the accreditation of your program. By pursuing and achieving accreditation through a rigorous peer review, your program has demonstrated a substantial commitment to quality public service education. You are part of the global community of over 180 accredited graduate programs in public service.

Please note that as a requirement of accreditation, the Commission will review annual accreditation maintenance reports to determine ongoing conformity with NASPAA Standards, which will become a permanent part of your folder for your next accreditation review. We look forward to receiving your 2015 annual accreditation maintenance report by **October 1, 2015**.

If you have any questions about this decision or NASPAA's accreditation process, I would be happy to answer any questions you have about this decision via email at CHAIR'S EMAIL. Questions about this year's annual report should be directed to Heather Gregory, Accreditation Manager and Director of Assessment, at gregory@naspaa.org.

Warmly,

Chair, Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation



MEMORANDUM

Comment [H2]: Decision Letter, Accreditation with Monitoring

TO: PROGRAM
CC: PROVOST
FROM: CHAIR
DATE: DATE
SUBJECT: NASPAA Accreditation Review

On behalf of the Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation (COPRA), I am pleased to inform you that the Commission found your PROGRAM program to be in substantial conformity with NASPAA Standards, subject to the monitoring provisions outlined in the enclosed report. Your program is accredited for a period of TERM years and will be included on the Annual Roster of Accredited Programs.

Please accept the Commission's congratulations on the accreditation of your program. By pursuing and achieving accreditation through a rigorous peer review, your program has demonstrated a substantial commitment to quality public service education. You are part of the global community of over 180 accredited graduate programs in public service.

Your program is in substantial conformance with the NASPAA Standards. However, the Commission concluded that questions remain about the following standards: MONITORING. Accordingly, COPRA plans to monitor your continued progress, annually, on these specific standards. The Commission asks that you report your progress on these particular standard(s) each year in your annual accreditation maintenance report.

If you have any questions about this decision or NASPAA's accreditation process, I would be happy to answer them via email at CHAIR'S EMAIL. Questions about this year's annual report should be directed to Heather Gregory, Accreditation Manager and Director of Assessment, at Gregory@naspaa.org.

Warmly,

Chair, Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation

Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation

Report on Monitoring Provisions

**PROGRAM
INSTITUTION**

DATE

Item 1

Item 2

To include: Text of Standard being monitored; abbreviated version of COPRA's logic; areas to address in annual reports re: monitoring items.

Over time, the Commission expects that its understanding of the Standards and the expectations of what it means to be in compliance will advance and evolve, as programs (and COPRA) become more familiar with the competencies-based approach to accreditation. The Commission will expect accredited programs to continue to develop their competency measures and use of assessment tools, and that this maturation should be evident in the program's annual accreditation maintenance reports.

Please note that the Commission will review each of your annual accreditation maintenance reports to determine ongoing conformity with NASPAA Standards, including progress in the areas noted above. Your annual reports and COPRA's actions in response to your reports will become a permanent part of your record for your next accreditation review. COPRA's acceptance of the Program's annual reports is contingent on receiving satisfactory responses on the issues noted. If the program does not submit the information requested regarding the monitored standards in annual reports, the Commission may require the program to re-enter the accreditation cycle with an updated Self Study Report. Monitoring provisions remain in effect and must be addressed each year until the program is notified by COPRA that the monitoring has been removed. We look forward to receiving your annual report by **October 1, 2015**. Questions about this year's annual report should be directed to Heather Gregory at gregory@naspaa.org.

MEMORANDUM

Comment [H3]: Decision Letter, one-year reaccreditation

TO: PROGRAM

CC: PROVOST

FROM: CHAIR
Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation,
Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration

DATE: June 2, 2015

SUBJECT: NASPAA Accreditation Review

The Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation (COPRA) has completed its review of the PROGRAM program at UNIVERSITY and has voted to reaccredit your program for one year. On behalf of COPRA, I want to express our appreciation for your participation and commitment throughout the accreditation cycle. We recognize your efforts in reviewing your program mission and accomplishments and participating in the peer review process. By pursuing accreditation through a rigorous peer review, your program has demonstrated a substantial commitment to quality public service education.

The Commission has determined that your program may have specific non-conformities with the 2009 NASPAA Standards for Professional Master's Degree Programs in Public Affairs, Policy, and Administration due to lack of conclusive evidence available at the time of review (Section 10.3 of NASPAA's Accreditation Policies and Procedures). In the Commission's judgment, these concerns, detailed in the enclosed report, could be clarified and resolved within one academic year.

The Commission works to ensure a fair and consistent review for all programs who apply for accreditation. The review process is holistic, considering many factors when evaluating each Self-Study Report, Interim Report response, Site Visit Report, and Site Visit Report response. I urge you to speak to your COPRA liaison, LIASON, about the Commission's review, decision, and your next steps. I would also be happy to answer any questions you have about this decision via email at [CHAIR'S EMAIL](#).

We look forward to your clarifications and hope to seek resolution over the upcoming year.

Warmly,

Chair, Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation

**Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation
One-Year Reaccreditation Report**

**Program
Institution**

DATE

Item 1

Item 2

To include: Text of Standard being monitored; abbreviated version of COPRA's logic; areas of concern to address in Fall report to COPRA

In order to extend reaccreditation beyond one year, the program must provide information to demonstrate complete compliance with the standards listed above. Please submit updated information on the applicable standards to COPRA no later than **September 26, 2015**. The program should submit the requested information using the Accreditation Maintenance Report form, within the Civicore system. The program may choose to complete the entire form, fully addressing the concerns above, or simply use the form to provide the annual data required of accredited programs (with respect to faculty, student admissions, graduation rates, and employment). If the program wishes, it may opt to upload the full text of its response to the decision letter as an attachment at the end of the report form. At its Fall Meeting in October 2014, the Commission will make a final determination whether a second site visit should move forward. COPRA requests that all final updates and responses related to accreditation be submitted by May 24, 2016, in time for the Commission's Summer Decision Meeting 2016.

Over time, the Commission expects that its understanding of the Standards and the expectations of what it means to be in compliance will advance and evolve, as programs (and COPRA) become more familiar with the competencies-based approach to accreditation. The Commission will expect accredited programs to continue to develop their competency measures and use of assessment tools, and that this maturation should be evident in the program's annual accreditation maintenance reports.

COPRA looks forward to working with you in the coming year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email rmberryj@ncsu.edu. You may also direct questions toward Crystal Calarusse, Chief Accreditation Officer, at copra@naspaa.org.