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Dear Dean Puri and Chair Chavis:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Sixth Year team recommendation to extend maintenance of accreditation for the undergraduate and master's degree programs in accounting<sup>1</sup> offered by your School 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 the 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 Accounting Department is particularly strong in student placement and engagement with the business community. The Department has developed and fostered supportive accounting alumni and accounting advisory boards.
2. The Department organizes and hosts a successful corporate governance conference, creating a strong positive impression within the accounting and business community.
3. The Department has hired three new faculty that began teaching in the Fall of 2009. These new hires replaced adjunct faculty that were classified as PQ and improved the percentage of AQ faculty in the department.

Additionally, in the interest of continuous improvement, California State University, Fullerton should closely monitor the following items, as identified within the Peer Review Team Report, and incorporate them into your ongoing strategic planning initiatives:

1. Maintain current AQ/PQ ratios so that Standard 10 continues to be satisfied. (Standard 10: Faculty Sufficiency)
2. Implement and maintain your new policy concerning service loads and junior faculty.

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<sup>1</sup> See Attachment A: Scope of Accreditation

<sup>2</sup> See Attachment B: Timeline

Your School has achieved accreditation for six additional years from the time of the original visit. The next on-site maintenance review occurs in the fifth year, 2013-14. A timeline specific to your visit year is attached<sup>2</sup>. Please note that your Maintenance Review Application will be due on July 1<sup>st</sup>, two years prior to your review year. This application initiates the maintenance process. In this application you will be expected to provide progress on the strategic management initiatives at your school, with a particular focus on those continuous improvement items identified during your last maintenance visit. Please refer to the [Maintenance of Accreditation Handbook](#) for more information regarding the processes for maintenance of accreditation. 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 accreditation maintenance process and for providing valuable feedback to develop a more meaningful and beneficial review.

Sincerely,



Howard Thomas  
Chair of the Board

c: Peer Review Team  
Darrell Brown, Accounting Chair  
Jon Davis, Accounting Member

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SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION  
Maintenance of Accounting Accreditation December 2009

**Name of Institution:**

California State University, Fullerton

**Name of Business Academic Unit:**

Mihaylo College of Business and Economics

**List of Degree Programs Reviewed:**

BABA Accounting

MBA Accounting Concentration

MS-Accounting

MS-Taxation

## MAINTENANCE OF ACCREDITATION TIMELINE - Visit 2013-2014

| <u>09-10</u>   | <u>10-11</u>   | <u>11-12</u>   | <u>12-13</u>   | <u>13-14</u>   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and Refine Strategic Management Plan</li> <li>Complete Key Data and Accreditation Data Sections of the <i>Business School Questionnaire</i> for prior academic year</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and Refine Strategic Management Plan</li> <li>Complete Key Data and Accreditation Data Sections of the <i>Business School Questionnaire</i> for prior academic year</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and Refine Strategic Management Plan</li> <li>Complete Key Data and Accreditation Data Sections of the <i>Business School Questionnaire</i> for prior academic year</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and Refine Strategic Management Plan</li> <li>Complete Key Data and Accreditation Data Sections of the <i>Business School Questionnaire</i> for prior academic year</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and Refine Strategic Management Plan</li> <li>Complete Key Data and Accreditation Data Sections of the <i>Business School Questionnaire</i> for prior academic year</li> </ul> |
|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>July 1 - Submit Maintenance Review Application with signed cover letter requesting maintenance review and preferred visit dates.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accreditation Coordinating Committee rules on exclusions and the scope of the accreditation visit</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit Fifth Year Maintenance Report</li> </ul>   |
|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit List of Degree Programs including Catalogs</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with AACSB to select Peer Review Team from peer and aspirant groups</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit Policies for Faculty Management, including Non-Tenure Track Faculty</li> </ul>   |
|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit request for exclusion of degree programs including justification for the request</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with AACSB to set the visit date</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit Executive Summary including effective practices</li> </ul>   |
|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit List of Comparison Groups (Peer, Competitive, and Aspirant)</li> </ul> <p><i>Previous four items to be submitted together.</i></p>   |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accreditation Statistical Reports will be distributed to applicant and team members by AACSB</li> </ul>   |
|  |  |  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with Peer Review Team to prepare the Visit Schedule</li> </ul>   |
|  |  |  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peer Review Team Visit</li> </ul>   |