

ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR BUSINESS SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS

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April 23, 2018

Dr. Wolde-Ab Isaac President Riverside City College 4800 Magnolia Avenue Riverside, California 92506

Dear President Isaac:

The Associate Degree Board of Commissioners met on April 16-17, 2018 and approved the business program accreditation for Riverside City College. Congratulations!

The board identified the following best practices:

Standard 1 was identified as a Best Practice. The Associate Degree Board of Commissioners recognizes the Pathways to Law program is unique and RCC is one of a minority of two-year colleges to be admitted to the Pathways. This program gives RCC students who are successful in the program a seamless transfer into member law schools. Participation in programs like the Pathways to Law program helps students to more easily obtain better outcomes.

Standard 5 was identified as a Best Practice. The evaluation, mentorship, and professional development practices are very strong, and help to set the example and create the environment to encourage instructors to provide the same level of mentorship to their students.

The Associate Degree Board of Commissioners commends the strong desire shown by faculty to develop the student learning outcomes assessment framework and agrees that student learning outcomes assessment process as evidenced by Table 2 is required.

Riverside City College is fully accredited with the following Notes:

Place a Note on Standard 3, Criterion 3.4: The Associate Degree Board of Commissioners was able to locate one set of stakeholder measures on the table; however, other stakeholders should be included. We ask that you report and graph stakeholder satisfaction results for the past three years (two years plus the self-study year) on course evaluations, student satisfaction surveys, alumni satisfaction surveys, employer satisfaction surveys or other student/stakeholder measures.

Place a Note on Standard 4, Criterion 4.2: The Associate Degree Board of Commissioners commends a strong desire shown by faculty to develop the student learning outcomes assessment

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framework, however, the student learning outcomes assessment process must be evidenced in Table 2 as required in the standard.

Place an OFI on Standard 5, Criterion 5.2. The Associate Degree Board of Commissioners agrees with the institution that updated tables demonstrate adherence to the standard. In the future for clarity sake, when completing Table 5.2, please provide the justification verbiage for Professional Certification or out of field master's degrees in column D.

Additional opportunities for improvement can be viewed in the feedback report at the portal.

Conditions and notes indicate that either the Standard or Criteria is not fully met, and should be viewed as an opportunity to move your program to a higher level of excellence. It would be extremely rare that a school receive accreditation without these conditions or notes given ACBSP's Core Value of Continuous Improvement and Organizational Learning, that "Business schools and programs should pursue regular cycles of planning, execution, and evaluation of every process and system. Ongoing improvement of these processes and systems leads to ever higher quality and student/stakeholder satisfaction."

Progress on the Notes must be provided in future reports. You are encouraged to work with Ms. Cara Beth Johnson on the removal of the Notes. Commissioner Johnson may be contacted by phone at: 580.628.6340, or by e-mail at: Carolyn.Johnson@noc.edu. You may also contact Diana Hallerud at 913-339-9356, or by e-mail at dianahallerud@acbsp.org.

You must provide a report on the notes in the online reporting portal on **2/15/2020**. Your first full Quality Assurance Report will be due on **2/15/2022**. Your ten-year reaffirmation will be due in **2028**.

ACBSP will inform the public of decisions on accreditation status made by the Boards of Commissioners by posting the accreditation decisions on the ACBSP Website. The decisions on accreditation status can be accessed from www.acbsp.org/?page=decisions and will appear as the following:

Riverside City College (Riverside, CA)

Initial Accreditation granted with improvement opportunities in the following standards and criteria: Notes on Standard 3, Criterion 3.4 and Standard 4, Criterion 4.2.

BASIS FOR ACCREDITATION DECISION: Meets the overall requirements of the six ACBSP standards.

If you have any comments concerning this notification, please let me know.

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ACBSP encourages you to publicly announce that your business programs are accredited. In the next few weeks, we will be sending you, via e-mail, a sample ACBSP Press Release and ACBSP Logo files for publicizing your accreditation. As you prepare these materials, the following is your official ACBSP statement:

The following business programs at Riverside City College are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs:

Associate of Arts: Administration and Information Systems AoE (494)
Associate of Science degree for Transfer: Business Administration (626)
Associate of Science: Business Administration - Accounting (523)
Associate of Science: Business Administration - General Business (524)
Associate of Science: Business Administration - Human Resource (623)
Associate of Science: Business Administration - Management (521)
Associate of Science: Business Administration - Marketing (525)
Associate of Science: Business Administration - Real Estate (527)

Associate of Science: Entrepreneurship (531)
Associate of Science: Paralegal Studies (591)

Associate of Science: Computer Applications and Office Technology - Executive Office Management (639)

Associate of Science degree for Transfer: Computer Science
Associate of Science: Computer Programming (728)

Associate of Science: Cosmetology - Business Administration - Entrepreneurship (537)

Associate of Science: Cosmetology - Business Administration - Management & Supervision (535)

The following business programs at Riverside City College are excluded by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs:

Associate of Science: Business Administration - Banking & Finance (631)
Associate of Science: Retail Management/WAFC (536)
Associate of Science: Computer Applications (726)
Certificates are not eligible for ACBSP accreditation

Please take this opportunity to review the accuracy of the programs listed above as well as the institution name (below) as it will appear on your Certificate of Accreditation. If any information is not correct, please notify Diana Hallerud via e-mail at dianahallerud@acbsp.org and provide the correction by May 15, 2018.

Name of institution as it will appear on the certificate:

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The **2018 ACBSP Conference will be June 8-11 in Kansas City, Missouri**. Our host hotel will be the Kansas City Marriott Downtown. Please mark your calendar to join us in Kansas City for our 30th Anniversary Celebration, where we will honor you and all other schools receiving initial or reaffirmation of accreditation during the 2017-2018 membership year. You are encouraged to attend along with your Chief Academic Officer and Dean or Head of the Business School or

Program. Many institutions invite faculty to this prestigious celebration. Your institution will also be announced during the Associate Degree Institution annual meeting held at the conference.

There is a <u>breakfast on Sunday morning, June 10</u> for registered conference attendees from institutions receiving initial or reaffirmation of accreditation. <u>At least one institutional representative must attend the breakfast</u>. The purpose of the breakfast is to more personally congratulate the institutional representatives and to outline the procedures that will be followed at the accreditation gala.

In addition to the breakfast, a professional photographer will be available on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>June 10</u> to photograph all institutional representatives along with the ACBSP Chief Accreditation Officer and the Chair of the Associate Degree Board of Commissioners. Appropriate dress for the photo session and gala is business professional.

For updates on the Conference, visit the ACBSP website, www.acbsp.org. Online registration is available beginning in January.

Congratulations on maintaining such high-quality business programs.

Sincerely,

Steve Parscale, Ph.D.

Chief Accreditation Officer

Cc: Ms. Kristine DiMemmo, Dean

Dr. Ron Pardee, Champion

Mr. Don Wilcoxson, Co-Champion

Ms. Cara Beth Johnson, Associate Degree Board of Commissioners