March 2, 2015

Dr. Michael V. Drake, President
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Dear Dr. Drake,

At its February 2015 Mid-Year Meeting, the American Council for Construction Education (ACCE) Board of Trustees reviewed the application for initial accreditation of the Construction Management Program at The Ohio State University. The Board had available to it the reports of its Visiting Team under the Chairmanship of Mr. David Mattson, and its Accreditation Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. John Schaufelberger. This letter is to inform you that the Board has voted for a five-year accreditation from February 2015 through February 2020.

A renewal of accreditation visit at the end of this five-year period should be scheduled between September 1 and November 1, 2019. The self-evaluation study, in preparation for this visit, will be due in the ACCE national office no later than May 1, 2019.

The final report of the Visiting Team, as acted upon by the Board, is enclosed. This report, as do all ACCE accreditation reports, contains a delineation of perceived program strengths, weaknesses, concerns, and undeveloped potentials. It is the hope of ACCE that the cited weaknesses and concerns will be addressed in coming years, while maintaining program strengths and pursuing program potentials.

ACCE requires that you file a progress report at the end of the first year no later than November 1, 2015, and the second year no later than November 1, 2016. Additionally, all programs are required to file a third year progress report, making your third year progress report due no later than November 1, 2017. A Progress Report form designed specifically for your program will be sent to the program in June of the corresponding year. If for any reason these dates need to be changed, we will notify you well in advance, and should it become necessary for you to ask for an extension, we request that you do the same.

The Board of Trustees looks forward to a First Year Progress Report containing documented progress toward correcting the Weaknesses and Concerns cited in the current Visiting Team Report. The Board’s comments are summarized below:

The Board of Trustees supports the accreditation of the Program at The Ohio State University for five years with first, second, and third year progress reports. It is expected that the curriculum Weaknesses will be corrected by the first year progress report. The University must ensure that an adequate number of faculty members are available to the Program. The Department Chair must ensure that the Program Co-Coordinators’ workloads are carefully managed. The Program needs to implement a Quality Improvement Plan and provide assessment.
information to the public. A mentor will be assigned to assist in resolving the Weaknesses and Concerns. Significant progress is expected in each of the progress reports including a correction plan for each uncorrected Weakness and Concern.

The ACCE Board of Trustees extends congratulations on this accreditation, and asks that I express its appreciation for the many courtesies extended to our Visiting Team and for the positive way in which your faculty and staff responded throughout.

We wish you continued success with your Construction Management Program, and feel confident that your graduates, the building community, and the Nation are richer for your efforts.

Warmest regards,
American Council for Construction Education

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