August 1, 2016

Chancellor F. King Alexander, Chancellor
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Dear Chancellor Alexander,

At its July 2016 Annual Meeting, The American Council for Construction Education (ACCE) Board of Trustees reviewed the application for initial accreditation of the Masters Degree Construction Management Program at Louisiana State University. The Board had available to it the reports of its Visiting Team under the Chairmanship of Dr. Roger Liska, 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 July 2016 through July 2021.

A renewal of accreditation visit at the end of this five-year period should be scheduled between February 1 and April 1, 2021. The self-evaluation study, in preparation for this visit, will be due in the ACCE national office no later than December 1, 2020.

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 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 May 1, 2017, the second year no later than May 1, 2018, the third year no later than May 1, 2019, and the fourth year no later than May 1, 2020. 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 initial accreditation of the Master’s Degree Program at Louisiana State University for five years with annual status reports. The program is to be congratulated on its successful initial site visit. The Board looks forward to learning of increased engagement of the Industry Advisory Committee in the Master’s Degree program in the annual reports.
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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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