



# ***Annual Meeting 2016***

## ***Minutes***

**American Council for Construction Education  
Accreditation Committee – Executive Session  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Thursday, 7/21/16 – 8:00 a.m.**

**1) Attendance:**

- a) **Committee Members (14 members present plus chair):** Becky Burleson, Craig Capano, Tamara Crooks, Mike Cooley, Sean Foley, Marty Garza, John Gaver, James Goddard, Murray Jones, Susan Labas, Don McCollister, Bob Meyer, Charles Roesset, Khalid Siddiqi, John Schaufelberger -chair.
- b) **Committee Members absent:** Pam Dullum, Scott Seltveit, Kerry Slattery, Rod Stutt

**2) Chair Welcome**

- a) **Opening Remarks:** The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. with a committee quorum present.
- b) **Introductions:** The chair welcomed all members of the committee.

**3) Minutes from the February Mid-year Meeting:** Minutes from the February 2016 Mid-year Executive Session of the Accreditation Committee were distributed and approved.

**4) Committee Agenda Items**

- a) **Visiting Team Reports:** The Committee considered six Visiting Team Reports for programs seeking initial accreditation or re-accreditation. There was also one request for extension of accreditation. After discussion the Committee reached agreement on a recommendation to the Board for each report.
- b) **Progress Reports:** The Committee considered 22 Progress Reports from accredited programs. After discussion the Committee reached agreement on a response for each Progress Report.
  - i) The committee agreed to accept and approve Arizona State University's first year progress report. The Council appreciates the progress being made on the Weaknesses and Concerns and requests that the Program provide a copy of its new Degree Program Assessment Plan no later than June 1, 2017.

- ii) The committee agreed to accept and approve Auburn University's second year progress report. The Council requests that the Program provide a summary of actions taken on the first page of the next progress report and looks forward to learning of continued progress on the remaining Concerns.
- iii) The committee agreed to accept and approve Boise State University's third year progress report. The Council looks forward to learning of continued progress on the Concerns in the Program's next Self-Evaluation Study and the site visit in the spring of 2019.
- iv) The committee agreed to accept and approve with reservations California State University, Northridge's first year progress report. The Council is concerned with the lack of progress in alleviating the identified Weaknesses and Concerns and expects to see significant progress reported in the next progress report. Please provide a copy of the department's strategic plan with the next progress report. The response to Weakness 2 does not address the finding that the strategic plan does not include consideration of external factors that may influence operation of the Program. Address this finding in the next progress report.
- v) The committee agreed to accept and approve Clemson University's third year progress report. The Council appreciates the responsive report and looks forward to the Program's next Self-Evaluation Study and site visit in the spring of 2019.
- vi) The committee agreed to accept and approve Illinois State University's first year progress report. The Council commends the Program for its actions to resolve the Weaknesses and Concerns. The Program does not need to submit a third year progress report since all Weaknesses and Concerns have been alleviated. The Council looks forward to the Program's next Self-Evaluation Study and site visit in the spring of 2021.
- vii) The committee agreed to accept and approve Jefferson State Community College's third year progress report. The Council appreciates the responsive report and looks forward to the Program's next Self-Evaluation Study and site visit in the spring of 2019.
- viii) The committee agreed to accept and approve North Lake College's third year progress report. The Council looks forward to learning of continued progress on the Concerns in the Program's next Self-Evaluation Study and site visit in the spring of 2019.
- ix) The committee agreed to accept and approve Pennsylvania College of Technology's third year progress report. The Council looks forward to learning of continued progress on the Quality Improvement Plan in the Program's next Self-Evaluation Study and site visit in the spring of 2019.

- x) The committee agreed to accept and approve Purdue University's third year progress report. The Council looks forward to learning of continued progress on the Quality Improvement Plan in the Program's next Self-Evaluation Study and site visit in the spring of 2019.
- xi) The committee agreed to accept and approve Saskatchewan Polytechnic's first year progress report. The Council looks forward to learning of continued progress on the Weakness and Concerns in the next progress report.
- xii) The committee agreed to accept and approve University of Houston's first year progress report. The Council commends the Program for its actions to resolve the Weaknesses and Concerns. The Program does not need to submit a third year progress report since all Weaknesses and Concerns have been alleviated. The Council looks forward to the Program's next Self-Evaluation Study and site visit in the spring of 2021.
- xiii) The committee agreed to accept and approve University of Louisiana, Monroe's first year progress report. The Council looks forward to learning of continued progress on the Academic Quality Plan, faculty hiring, and information provided to the public in the next progress report.
- xiv) The committee agreed to accept and approve University of Maryland, Eastern Shore's second year progress report. The Council looks forward to learning of continued progress on the Weaknesses and Concerns in the next progress report.
- xv) The committee agreed to accept and approve University of Nevada, Las Vegas's second year progress report. The Council looks forward to learning of continued progress on the lab space Concern in the next progress report.
- xvi) The committee agreed to accept and approve University of North Florida's second year progress report. The Council commends the Program for its actions to resolve the Weaknesses. The Program does not need to submit a third year progress report since all Weaknesses have been alleviated. The Council looks forward to the Program's next Self-Evaluation Study and site visit in the spring of 2020.
- xvii) The committee agreed to accept and approve University of Southern Mississippi's first year progress report. The Council appreciates the work completed to address the Weaknesses and Concerns and looks forward to learning of continued progress in the next progress report. In your response to Weakness 3, please describe how all students are required to accumulate at least 33 credits in communications, mathematics, physical science, and business management.
- xviii) The committee agreed to accept and approve University of Texas, San Antonio's second year progress report. The Council is pleased to learn of the acquisition of additional lab space and looks forward to learning of continued progress on the department chair's teaching load in the next progress report.

- xix) The committee agreed to accept and approve University of Washington's third year progress report. The Council appreciates the responsive report and looks forward to the Program's next Self-Evaluation Study and site visit in the spring of 2019.
  - xx) The committee agreed to accept and approve Utica College's first year progress report. The Program is to be congratulated for alleviating all three Weaknesses. The Council looks forward to learning of continued progress on the lab facilities Concern in the next progress report.
  - xxi) The committee agreed to accept and approve Wentworth Institute of Technology's third year progress report. The Council appreciates the responsive report and looks forward to the Program's next Self-Evaluation Study and site visit in the spring of 2019.
  - xxii) The committee agreed to accept and approve Western Carolina University's second year progress report. The Council appreciates the responsive report and looks forward to learning of continued progress on the information made available to the public and the Quality Improvement Plan in the next progress report.
- c) **Status Reports:** The Committee considered 4 Status Reports from accredited master programs. After discussion the Committee reached agreement on a response for each Status Report.
- i) The committee agreed to accept and approve Clemson University's fourth year status report. The Council appreciates learning of the additional course offerings and looks forward to learning of continued progress in the Program's next Self-Evaluation Study and site visit in the spring of 2017.
  - ii) The committee agreed to accept and approve Kennesaw State University's second year status report. The Council looks forward to learning of continued progress on the un-alleviated Concerns in the next status report.
  - iii) The committee agreed to accept and approve Texas A&M University's fourth year status report. The Council looks forward to learning of continued progress in the Program's next Self-Evaluation Study and site visit in the spring of 2017.
  - iv) The committee agreed to accept and approve Wentworth Institute of Technology's first year status report. The Council is concerned that while outcome measures are identified for the ten PLOs in the Quality Improvement Plan, there are no outcome measures or metrics defined for the three program goals. Please address how the Program measures achievement of these goals in the next status report.
- d) **Special Report:** The Committee considered one special report. The committee agreed to accept and approve University of Wisconsin, Stout's special report. The Council understands the challenge of recruiting faculty for construction programs and wishes you

success during the coming academic year. We look forward to working with Heath Wiley as he prepares for the site visit during the spring semester 2018.

**5) New Business**

- a) **Accreditation committee self-assessment survey:** The committee reviewed and discussed the self-assessment survey.

**6) Adjourned at 11:23**