COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

SUMMARY OF RECOGNITION DECISION

PLANNING ACCREDITATION BOARD (PAB)

In accordance with the 2006 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures, Paragraph 40, this summary of recognition status describes the formal action taken by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) Board of Directors with regard to an accrediting organization seeking recognition by CHEA.

PROFILE OF ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION

Type of Accréditator: Programmatic
Number of Programs: 86

CHEA-RECOGNIZED SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION

Academic programs in North America leading to bachelor’s and master’s degrees in urban and regional planning. (2013)

CHEA RECOGNITION INFORMATION

History: Recognized by CHEA in April 2001

Most Recent Recognition Action

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, September 23-24, 2013
Decision: Recognition for up to 10 years

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the Planning Accreditation Board. The review was based on the six CHEA recognition standards that require an accrediting organization to show that its accreditation process advances academic quality, demonstrates accountability, encourages self-scrutiny and planning, employs fair and appropriate procedures and demonstrates ongoing review of practice, and that it possesses sufficient resources to carry out its accreditation processes (2006 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures, Paragraphs 12A-12F, pp. 5-8).

PAB demonstrated that it meets these standards and that its accreditation process is consistent with the quality improvement and accountability expectations that CHEA has established.

The CHEA recognition policy requires that an accrediting organization undergo a recognition review at least every 10 years and submit two interim reports.

Prior Actions on PAB’s Application for Recognition

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, September 24-25, 2012: The Board of Directors continued to defer recognition in order to obtain additional evidence that PAB operates independently of its sponsoring organizations for the conduct of accreditation activities (Paragraph 9(G), 2006 CHEA Policy and Procedures).

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, September 19–20, 2011: The Board of Directors deferred recognition in order to obtain additional information regarding PAB’s independence from sponsoring organizations (Paragraph 9(G), 2006 CHEA Policy and Procedures) and PAB’s implementation of accreditation standards or policies that require institutions or programs routinely to provide reliable information to the public on their performance, including student achievement as determined by the institution or program (Paragraph 12(B)(1), 2006 CHEA Policy and Procedures).

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