COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

SUMMARY OF RECOGNITION STATUS

AACSB INTERNATIONAL

In accordance with the 2006 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures, Paragraph 43, 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 Accreditor: Programmatic

Number of Programs: 633

Current CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation:

AACSB International accredits degree programs in business administration and accounting at undergraduate, masters, and doctoral levels. This accreditation is available globally. (2002)

CHEA RECOGNITION INFORMATION

History: Recognized by CHEA in January 2002

Most Recent Recognition Action

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, January 28, 2013

Decision: Defer recognition

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed AACSB International (AACSB). 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. 4-8).

The Board of Directors deferred recognition in order to (1) obtain clarification regarding AACSB’s decision-making process with regard to accreditation actions and the independence of the AACSB’s Board of Directors to conduct accreditation activities and determination of accreditation status (Paragraph 9 E(1) and 9(G), 2006 Recognition Policy and Procedures); (2) obtain evidence that AACSB has and implements accreditation standards that require institutions 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 Recognition Policy and Procedures) and (3) obtain clarification regarding AACSB’s inclusion of “undergraduate” level in its scope statement when AACSB documents indicate that the organization will not accredit programs in institutions that award only the associate degree and the reference to “programs” in the scope statement when AACSB documents refer to the accreditation of programs, institutions and schools.

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