

# COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

## RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

### COMMISSION ON SPORT MANAGEMENT ACCREDITATION (COSMA)

In accordance with the [2010 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 Accrerator: Programmatic

Number of Programs: 47

#### **CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation**

*COSMA accredits sport management programs in institutions of higher education worldwide that grant bachelor's and master's degrees. (2017)*

#### **CHEA Recognition Information**

History: No prior CHEA recognition

#### **Most Recent Recognition Action**

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, January 29, 2018

Decision: Recognition for up to ten years

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the Commission on Sport Management Accreditation (COSMA). 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 (*2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures*, Paragraphs 12A-12F, pp. 5-8).

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

#### **Prior Actions on COSMA's Application for Recognition**

**CHEA Board of Directors Meeting January 30, 2017:** The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the Commission on Sport Management Accreditation (COSMA). 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 (*2010 CHEA Recognition of Accrediting Organizations Policy and Procedures*, Paragraphs 12A-12F, pp. 5-8).

The board of directors accepted the committee's recommendation and deferred action of COSMA's recognition pending (1) further documentation of COSMA's implementation of its policy on CHEA Standard 12(B)(1) that requires institutions or programs routinely to provide reliable information to the public on their performance, including student achievement as determined by the institution or program; (2) an update regarding how COSMA communicates and consults with appropriate governmental and nongovernmental accreditation or quality assurance

entities in the international arena, CHEA Standard 12(B)(8); documentation to support that COSMA has fully implemented reasonable consistency in its reviews of institutions or programs while respecting varying institution or program purposes and mission, CHEA Standard 12D2; and (3) documentation to support that COSMA has adequate financial, staff, and operational resources to perform its accreditation functions efficiently and effectively, CHEA Standard 12(F)(1).

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, January 26, 2015: The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the Commission on Sport Management Accreditation (COSMA). The review was based on the eight CHEA eligibility standards that require an accrediting organization to show that a majority of the institutions and programs grant higher education degrees; is non-governmental; accredits institutions or programs which have legal authority to confer higher education degrees; has written procedures that describe, officially and publicly, the organization's decision-making processes and scope of accreditation granted; has procedures that include a self-evaluation and on-site review or alternative processes; demonstrated independence from any parent or sponsoring entity; and is operational, with more than one completed accreditation review, including accreditation action at each degree level or for each type of program (*2010 CHEA Recognition of Accrediting Organizations Policy and Procedures*, Paragraph A-H, p. 3).

The CHEA Board of Directors accepted the committee's recommendation to grant the Commission on Sport Management Accreditation (COSMA) eligibility to seek CHEA recognition.