

COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

PROJECT MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE GLOBAL ACCREDITATION CENTER FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT EDUCATION PROGRAMS (PMI-GAC)

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 Accreditor: Programmatic

Number of Programs: 67

Proposed CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation

The PMI Global Accreditation Center for Project Management (GAC) is a specialized accrediting body that accredits degree programs at the bachelors, masters and doctorate levels in the field of project management that are offered within accredited institutions of higher education worldwide. (2010)

CHEA Recognition Information

History: No prior recognition by CHEA

Most Recent Recognition Action

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

Decision: Continue to defer recognition

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the Project Management Institute Global Accreditation Center for Project Management Education Programs (GAC). 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).

The Board of Directors continued to defer recognition in order to obtain additional evidence that programs accredited by GAC provide reliable information to the public on their performance, including student achievement as determined by the institution or program (Paragraph 12(B)(1), *2006 Recognition Policy and Procedures*).

Prior Actions on GAC's Application for Recognition

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, September 19-20, 2011: The Board of Directors deferred recognition in order to obtain additional information regarding GAC's capacity and operational resources to carry out the review of programs located outside the United States (Paragraph 12(F)(1), *2006 CHEA Policy and Procedures*); GAC's policies that foster reasonable consistency in its reviews of international programs (Paragraph 12(D)(2), *2006 CHEA Policy and Procedures*); and GAC'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*).

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, January 23, 2012: The Board of Directors deferred the recognition decision in order to obtain additional information regarding GAC's capacity and operational resources to carry out the review of programs located outside the United States (*Paragraph 12(F)(1), 2006 CHEA Policy and Procedures*); GAC's policies that foster reasonable consistency in its reviews of international programs (*Paragraph 12(D)(2), 2006 CHEA Policy and Procedures*); and GAC'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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