

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

AACSB Renews PVAMU Business School Accreditation



AACSB International (AACSB) announced in April that 13 institutions of higher learning from nine countries have earned accreditation in business, and two institutions have earned accreditation in accounting. Additionally, 68 schools have maintained their accreditation in business including Prairie View A&M University, and 23 have maintained their accreditation in accounting. Founded in 1916, AACSB International is the longest serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate, masters, and doctoral degrees in business and accounting.

“It takes a great deal of commitment and determination to earn or maintain AACSB accreditation,” said Jerry Trapnell, executive vice president and chief accreditation officer of AACSB International. “Schools must not only meet specific standards of excellence, but their deans, faculties and staffs must make a commitment to ongoing improvement to ensure that the institution will continue to deliver high quality education to students.”

Prairie View A&M University’s College of Business completed its three-day maintenance of accreditation visit the week of February 27, 2001. Three members of the AACSB Peer Review Team (pictured above with PVAMU Senior Vice President and Provost Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas Smith from left to right) included Dr. Marwan A. Wafa, vice chancellor and dean of Indiana University-Purdue University Columbus (IUPUC), Dr. Mohammed F. Khayum, dean and professor of Economics at University of Southern Indiana as well as chair of the AACSB Peer Review Team and Dr. Donald R. Andrews, dean of the College of Business at Southern University – Baton Rouge. The PRT is a group of reviewers mutually agreed upon by the PVAMU College of Business and the appropriate AACSB International accreditation committee. This team performs the accreditation review and submits its recommendation to the Maintenance of Accreditation Committee. *(Continued on page 2.)*

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AACSB Accreditation must be maintained and is reviewed on a five-year cycle. Members of the Peer Review Team examine documents, meet with faculty, staff, university administrators and external constituents. The review team's schedule is packed with meetings and opportunities designed to evaluate a business school's programs. In addition to meeting with faculty and university administration, the PRT met with students (pictured on the right) and members of the College of Business Dean's Advisory Board at the Houston Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (pictured bottom right). The Advisory Board is comprised of a business leaders including many alumni who are dedicated to supporting the College of Business as it strives toward excellence and continuous improvement in its programs and initiatives.

Dr. Quddus received the official news that the College of Business's accreditation had been renewed in early April. He attended the annual AACSB meeting and recognition ceremony in New York on April 28. Business faculty, staff and administrators celebrated this accomplishment on Friday, May 13.

AACSB International (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business), founded in 1916, is an association of more than 1,200 educational institutions, businesses and other organizations in 78 countries and territories. AACSB's mission is to advance quality management education worldwide through accreditation, thought leadership, and value-added services. As the premier accrediting body for institutions offering undergraduate, master's, and doctorate degrees in business and accounting, the association also conducts a wide array of conferences and seminar programs at locations throughout the world.





AACSB Accreditation



What does AACSB International stand for?

AACSB International is the acronym for “**The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.**”

Why should AACSB accreditation matter to me?

- Accreditation can be complicated to understand. A school can be accredited in a variety of areas and at a variety of levels. For university programs in business, AACSB is the largest and most recognized specialized accrediting body in the world.
- A degree from an AACSB-accredited school is recognized worldwide by employers and other universities as the best in preparing students for the next level.
- AACSB-accredited schools are challenging and will teach you the right skills to give you a distinct advantage in the real world.
- The degree you earn will be from a school that has passed a tough review and meets the standards of the best business schools in the world.
- Employers know a good business school from one that doesn't produce knowledgeable graduates. Many top companies worldwide will only recruit from AACSB-accredited schools.
- Students benefit from academically qualified faculty, improved curriculum, classroom instruction, and management practices.
- Prairie View A&M University benefits as the AACSB accreditation of a business school is considered an important resource for the entire institution.
- Prairie View A&M University's College of Business earned accredited with AACSB in 2006.

What to know more about AACSB Accreditation?

You can learn more about the AACSB accreditation by visiting (www.aacsb.edu) or by talking to your professors or Dean Quddus.



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College of Business

Vision and Mission Statements

Our vision is to empower students from diverse backgrounds to become productive and ethical business professionals who are among the best in the world.

We provide a diverse student body with an education that creates highly productive professionals who are ethical, entrepreneurial, and prepared to succeed in the global economy. The College achieves this through excellence in teaching, research and service, and engagement with the business community and other stakeholders. The student experience is distinguished by personal attention, teamwork, leadership training, and appreciation of the social responsibility of business.



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