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Dear Dean Bendapudi and Dr. Sweeney:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Peer Review Team recommendation to extend maintenance of accreditation for the undergraduate, master's and doctoral degree programs in Accounting offered by the University of Kansas is concurred with by the Accounting Accreditation Committee and ratified by the Board of Directors. Congratulations to you, the faculty, the students, the staff, and all supporters of your school and its Accounting Programs.

One purpose of peer review is to stimulate further continuous improvement of quality programs. As noted in the team report, your School is to be commended on the following strengths and effective practices:

1. The Area provides considerable financial support to students in the form of scholarships and assistantships for undergraduate, MAcc, and doctoral students.
2. The Area has a large and active Advisory Board comprised of full and associate members that are committed to improving program design and quality in multiple ways, including involvement with the Assurance of Learning processes.
3. The Area has considerable student participation in study abroad programs offered by the Consortium Institute of Management and Business Analysis (CIMBA) program, the Costa Rica program, and other programs offered at Kansas University.
4. To attract quality students with career aspirations other than public accounting, the Area added two new tracks in the MAcc program: Corporate Accounting as well as Advisory and Consulting Services.
5. The Area has a large, active, and high-quality Beta Alpha Psi chapter providing valuable information, training, and resources to chapter members.

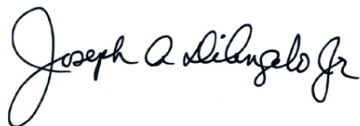
6. The Area moved Introduction to the Accounting Profession (ACCT 303) from the first semester of the junior year to the freshman or sophomore year, thus enabling students to understand the accounting profession earlier and better plan their course selections.
7. Based on Assurance of Learning findings and feedback from employers, the Area increased the writing component of the MAcc program.
8. It is expected that approximately half of the School's new (starting in Fall 2012) Honors Program students will be accounting majors. In order to better meet the needs of these students, the Area is delivering two junior-level honors courses (Intermediate Accounting I and II).
9. The Area hosts the biennial (even-number years) Deloitte Foundation/KU Auditing Symposium that brings together leading academic and business professionals to present and discuss current research and practice issues.
10. The Area hosts the biennial (odd-number years) Ernst & Young/KU Center for Audit Research and Advanced Technology (CARAT) Conference that brings together leading academic and business professionals to present and discuss current research and practice issues.
11. To increase student placement beyond the local and regional labor markets, the Area has increased the number of Xplore program trips from one to two per year and increased the scope to target multiple cities in addition to the New York City metropolitan area.

University of Kansas Accounting Programs has achieved accreditation for five additional years. The next on-site maintenance review occurs in the fifth year, 2017-2018. A timeline specific to your visit year is attached. Please note that your Maintenance Review Application will be due on July 1st, two years prior to your review year. This application initiates the maintenance process. In this application you will be expected to provide an update on progress in addressing the concerns stated above in addition to other relevant information for initiation of the next maintenance review.

Please refer to the [Accounting Accreditation Handbook](#) for more information regarding the processes for maintenance of accreditation. The handbook is evolving and will be updated frequently to provide the most current process improvements. Please monitor the website to make certain that you have the most current version.

Again, congratulations from the Accreditation Council and AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Thank you for participating in the maintenance of accreditation process and for providing valuable feedback that is essential to a meaningful and beneficial review.

Sincerely,



Joseph DiAngelo, Chair
Board of Directors

c: George Krull, Accounting Chair
James Jiambalvo, Business Chair
Galen Sevcik, Accounting Member
Jan Williams, Business Member

SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION
Maintenance of Accounting Accreditation December 2012

Name of Institution: University of Kansas

Name of Business Academic Unit: Accounting and Information Systems

List of Degree Programs Reviewed:

Bachelor of Science in Business
(BSB and BSBA) - Accounting

Master of Accounting (MAcc)

Doctor of Philosophy, Business-Accounting

MAINTENANCE OF ACCREDITATION TIMELINE - Visit 2016-2017

<u>13-14</u>	<u>14-15</u>	<u>15-16</u>	<u>16-17</u>	<u>17-18</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and Refine Strategic Management Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and Refine Strategic Management Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and Refine Strategic Management Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and Refine Strategic Management Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and Refine Strategic Management Plan
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 1 - Submit Maintenance Review Application with signed cover letter requesting maintenance review and preferred visit dates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accreditation Coordinating Committee rules on exclusions and the scope of the accreditation visit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Fifth Year Maintenance Report.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit List of Degree Programs including Catalogs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with AACSB to select Peer Review Team from peer and aspirant groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Policies for Faculty Management, including Non-Tenure Track Faculty
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit request for exclusion of degree programs including justification for the request 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with AACSB to set the visit date 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Executive Summary including effective practices
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit List of Comparison Groups (Peer, Competitive, and Aspirant) <p><i>Previous four items to be submitted together.</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accreditation Statistical Reports will be distributed to applicant and team members by AACSB
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Peer Review Team to prepare the Visit Schedule
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer Review Team Visit