

MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Nadia Rubaii-Barrett, Chair
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National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration

DATE: July 10, 2008

SUBJECT: NASPAA Accreditation Review

On behalf of the Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation (COPRA), I am pleased to inform you that your Master of Public Administration program has been found to be in conformity with NASPAA Standards, subject to the monitoring provisions outlined below. Your program will be accredited for a period of seven years and included on the Annual Roster of Accredited Programs.

The Commission will be monitoring your progress on the following specific standards. This means you are asked to detail your progress on these particular standards explicitly each year in your annual report and to provide the information or data related to the standards that the Commission has noted below. The Commission will be notified each year that your program is being monitored on these standards.

□ **Standard 5.5 Faculty Diversity**

Standard 5.5 states that, "There should be evidence that specific plans are being implemented to assure the diversity of the composition of the faculty with respect to the representation of minorities, women, and persons with disabilities."

Based upon a review of the documentation, COPRA recognizes that the University of Kansas has made efforts to promote diversity within the Public Administration Department through its "direct hire program". COPRA requests updated information on the implementation of this or other measures the program is taking to promote faculty diversity with regard to faculty

recruitment, supplemental diversity efforts and providing a positive and supportive atmosphere for women, minorities, and persons with disabilities.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support of the accreditation process. Please note that the Commission will review each of your annual reports to determine ongoing conformity with NASPAA Standards, including progress in the areas noted above, and they will become a permanent part of your folder for your next accreditation review. COPRA's acceptance of the Program's annual reports is contingent on receiving satisfactory responses on the issues noted. Monitoring provisions remain in effect and must be reported on each year until the program is notified by COPRA that the provisions have been removed. We look forward to receiving your annual report in Spring 2009. If you have any questions, please contact me via telephone (607-777-9172) or email at nbarrett@binghamton.edu. Questions about next year's annual report should be directed to COPRA at copra@naspaa.org.