

October 20, 2010

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Dear Dr. Gray-Little:

At its October 8 - 9, 2010 meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the Planning Accreditation Board (PAB) reviewed the University of Kansas program leading to the *Master of Urban Planning* degree. I am pleased to report the Board has taken the following actions:

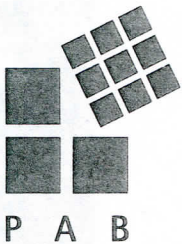
1. **Term Granted:** The Board granted the program a five-year accreditation, effective January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2015.

The maximum term of seven years was not granted at this time because of the Board's ongoing concern regarding the lack of progress in developing a successful recruitment plan to attract and admit under-represented minority students. The absence of any proactive effort made to remedy this long-standing situation is troubling, as is the broader decline in enrollments. From the Board's perspective, student recruitment should be seen as tied to faculty composition, curricular design, community outreach, and financial aid. Additionally, the program's efforts toward assessing student learning and achievement demonstrate limited breadth and application of relevant qualitative and quantitative measures.

2. **Conditions of Re-accreditation:** A condition of this accreditation is that the program submit a Progress Report on September 1, 2013, with updated information on the areas of accreditation listed below. Subject to satisfactory review of the report, the accreditation period may be extended by an additional two years.

1. Mission, Goals and Objectives	Diversity (1.8); Educational Outcomes (1.9)
4. Curriculum	Working with Diverse Communities (4.2.3(i))
6. Teaching, Advising, and Student Services	Financial Aid (6.7)
9. Students	Recruitment and Composition (9.4)

3. **Standard for Review of Progress Reports:** The Progress Report should provide a comparison between the initial data and accompanying narrative at the time of the Site Visit, and current data, narrative and other information. This will enable the Board to assess the extent to which progress has been made.



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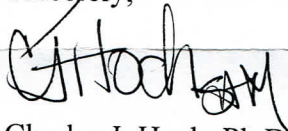
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At the conclusion of its accreditation reviews, the PAB invites the university's chief executive officer and the planning program administrator to provide their insights on the entirety of the review process. We welcome comments from you and Professor Mayo for refinements for future reviews and Site Visits.

We congratulate your university on the re-accreditation of the *Master of Urban Planning* degree. A certificate will be sent to Professor Mayo in the near future.

Should you, Dean Gaunt, or Professor Mayo have any questions regarding this review, I hope you will not hesitate to contact me or PAB Executive Director Shonagh Merits.

Sincerely,



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