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The COSMA Board of Commissioners (BOC) met on September 29, 2017, to discuss your application for accreditation and review all supporting materials. Based on your self-study, the site visit team report and your written response, the BOC determined that the following degree programs are in compliance or partial compliance with all COSMA Principles:

Bachelor of Science in Sport Administration, Concentration in Sport Commerce or Sport Leadership

Master of Science in Kinesiology, Specialization in Sport Management (traditional and LSU Online)

Doctor of Philosophy in Kinesiology, Specialization in Sport Management

Louisiana State University's sport management programs are awarded "**Accreditation with Notes.**" Accreditation is awarded for a maximum of seven years, until September 2024.

According to COSMA's *Accreditation Process Manual*, accreditation is granted to those programs judged by the COSMA Board of Commissioners to be substantially in compliance with the COSMA accreditation principles. The program must be current with its membership dues and the site visit expenses must have been paid to COSMA before accreditation is granted. The program will be notified, in writing, of its accreditation status.

"Accreditation with Notes" indicates that certain principles of COSMA have not been met and these principles are identified in Notes summarized below. Notes represent concerns of the Board of Commissioners, and until those concerns are dealt with by the program and accepted by COSMA, the Notes must be addressed each year in the program's Annual Report to COSMA. The program has up to **two years** to eliminate the deficiencies identified in the Notes. When a program that has been accredited with Notes does not remove those deficiencies within the required **two-year period***, the BOC may place it on probation.

*The time period to come into compliance with Notes was recently changed by the Board of Commissioners. Accredited programs now have two years to demonstrate compliance. An extension may be granted by the BOC on a case-by-case basis (*Accreditation Process Manual*, December 2015).

The following areas constitute the "Notes" to which you must respond within two years in your Annual Report to COSMA:

Principle 6: Resources

Action Item: Provide an update on the status of the Huey P. Long Field House and potential renovations including a timeline (if applicable) or alternative facility usage (if applicable).

Outcome: The Louisiana State Legislature identified the building as a priority. The Senate Committee adopted amendment #2833 to HB2. This amendment calls for a 1.8 million dollar renovation of the Huey P. Long Field House. The Senate adopted this measure.

Note 1: Provide another update on the status of the renovation of the Huey P. Long Field House. The update should include any movement by the Senate on HB2 and any accommodation(s) made by LSU to address this concern. If funding is not received, where does the academic unit go? What does the academic unit do in the interim?

Principle 7.7: External Accountability (added by BOC)

Action Item: Using the required, provided template, update your program's website to reflect your accreditation status (see below) and to provide required current student achievement data.

Outcome: The BOC viewed the following URLs and observations:

Undergraduate:

http://www.lsu.edu/chse/kinesiology/undergraduate_programs/bs_sport_administration/item48722.php
(no data posted)

http://www.lsu.edu/chse/kinesiology/undergraduate_programs/bs_sport_administration/index.php -
(Three separate files. OEG matrix does not include data.)

Master's:

http://www.lsu.edu/chse/kinesiology/graduate_programs/ms_in_kinesiology/sportmgt.php
(SLO matrix present, no OEG matrix, no program information profile)

Online Master's:

<http://lsuonline.lsu.edu/programs/master-science-kinesiology-sport-management.aspx>
(no data posted)

Doctoral:

http://www.lsu.edu/chse/kinesiology/graduate_programs/phd_in_kinesiology/sportmgt.php
(SLO matrix present, no OEG matrix, no program information profile)

Note 2: Using the template, post current student achievement data and updated statement of accreditation.

COSMA accreditation covers a maximum time period of seven years, through September 2024.

COSMA will notify you in advance concerning the timing of reaffirmation of accreditation, so that you can apply for reaffirmation in a timely manner.

Now that Accreditation has been granted to Louisiana State University's sport management programs by COSMA, you must denote this status in your official publications and advertising with the following language (*Accreditation Process Manual*, December 2015, p. 28-29):

The sport management degree program(s) at [Institution's name] has received specialized accreditation through the Commission on Sport Management Accreditation (COSMA) located in Arlington, Virginia, USA. The sport management programs in the following degrees are accredited by COSMA:

- Bachelor of [Science, Arts, etc.] in [list of degrees] with concentrations/emphases in [list of concentrations/emphases] (if applicable)
- Master of [Science, Arts, etc.] in [list of degrees] with concentrations/emphases in [list of concentrations/emphases] (if applicable)
- Doctor of Philosophy in [list of degrees] with concentrations/emphases in [list of concentrations/emphases] (as applicable)

Use the attached template in order to come into compliance with Principle 7.7 External Accountability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-329-1189 or cosma@cosmaweb.org.

Sincerely,



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