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January 13, 2020

Dr. Cynthia Spiers, President
Rhodes State College
4240 Campus Drive
Lima, Ohio 45805

Dear President Spiers:

The Associate Degree Board of Commissioners met on November 19 and approved the business program reaffirmation for Rhodes State College. Congratulations!

Best Practice on Standard 2: Rhodes State College has earned a best practice for the overall approach to strategic planning. Through their submission and institutional responses, they have demonstrated a robust, thorough, deliberate approach toward creating and implementing the strategic plan.

Rhodes State College is fully accredited with the following Note:

Note on Criterion 3.4: It is important to collect data from business stakeholders beyond their participation in the internship program. The current plan referenced in the institutional response for Criterion 3.4 should accomplish this very well.

Opportunities for improvement can be viewed in the feedback report at the portal.

Conditions and notes indicate that either the Standard or Criteria is not fully met and should be viewed as an opportunity to move your program to a higher level of excellence. It would be extremely rare that a school receive accreditation without these conditions or notes given ACBSP's Core Value of Continuous Improvement and Organizational Learning, that "Business schools and programs should pursue regular cycles of planning, execution, and evaluation of every process and system. Ongoing improvement of these processes and systems leads to ever higher quality and student/stakeholder satisfaction."

Progress on the Note must be reported in future Status Reports and Quality Assurance Reports. You are encouraged to work with Ms. Clarissa Cota on the removal of the Note. Commissioner Clarissa Cota may be contacted by phone at 702-651-5954, or by e-mail at clarissa.cota@csn.edu. You may also contact Diana Hallerud at 913-339-9356, or by e-mail at dianahallerud@acbsp.org.

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You must provide a report on the Note in the online reporting portal on **September 15, 2021**. Your first full Quality Assurance Report will be due on **September 15, 2023**. Your ten-year reaffirmation will be due in **2029**.

ACBSP will inform the public of decisions on accreditation status made by the Board of Commissioners by posting the accreditation decisions on the ACBSP Website. The decisions on accreditation status can be accessed from www.acbsp.org/?page=decisions and will appear as the following:

Rhodes State College (Lima, Ohio)

Reaffirmation of Accreditation was granted with improvement opportunities in the following standards and criteria:

Standard 3, Criterion 3.4: Stakeholder Satisfaction

Basis for Final Decision: Performance expectations established by the programs are being met. The strengths and opportunities for improvement identified in the executive summary will be provided to the public.

If you have any comments concerning this notification, please let me know. ACBSP encourages you to publicly announce that your business programs are accredited. In the next few weeks, we will be sending you, via e-mail, a sample ACBSP Press Release and ACBSP Logo files for publicizing your accreditation. As you prepare these materials, the following is your official ACBSP statement:

The following business programs at Rhodes State College are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs:

**Associate of Applied Business in Accounting
Associate of Applied Business in Business Administration
Associate of Applied Business in Human Resource
Associate of Applied Business in Marketing
Associate of Applied Business in Paralegal/Legal Assisting**

The following programs are excluded from ACBSP accreditation as requested by the institution:

**Associate of Applied Business in Executive Administrative Assistant
Associate of Applied Business in Medical Administrative Assistant**

Please take this opportunity to review the accuracy of the programs listed above as well as the institution name (below) as it will appear on your Certificate of Accreditation. If any information is not correct, please notify Diana Hallerud via e-mail at dianahallerud@acbsp.org and provide the correction by February 1.

Name of institution as it will appear on the certificate:

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Lima, Ohio**

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The **2020 ACBSP Conference will be held June 26-29 in Chicago, Illinois**. Our host hotel is the **Chicago Marriott Downtown – Magnificent Mile**. Please mark your calendar to join us, where we will honor you and all other schools receiving initial or reaffirmation of accreditation during the 2019-2020 membership year. You are encouraged to attend along with your Chief Academic Officer and Dean or Head of the Business School or Program. Many institutions invite faculty to this prestigious celebration. Your institution will also be announced during the Associate Degree Institution annual meeting held at the conference.

A breakfast will be held on Sunday morning, June 28 for registered conference attendees from institutions receiving initial or reaffirmation of accreditation. At least one institutional representative must attend the breakfast. The purpose of the breakfast is to more personally congratulate the institutional representatives and to outline the procedures that will be followed at the accreditation gala.

In addition to the breakfast, a professional photographer will be available on Sunday, June 28 to photograph all institutional representatives along with the ACBSP Chief Accreditation Officer and the Chair of the Associate Degree Board of Commissioners. Appropriate dress for the photo session and gala is business professional.

For updates on the Conference, visit the ACBSP website, www.acbsp.org. Online registration is available beginning in January.

Congratulations on maintaining such high-quality business programs.

Sincerely,



Steve Parscale, Ph.D.
Chief Accreditation Officer

Cc: Dr. Antoinette Baldin, Dean
Ms. Cara Rex, Chair, Business Administration, ACBSP Champion
Ms. Clarissa Cota, Associate Degree Board of Commissioners