



Middle States Commission on Higher Education

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Dr. Gladys Escalona de Motta
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Dear Dr. Escalona de Motta:

At its session on June 28, 2007, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education acted:

To accept the monitoring report and to thank the institution for receiving the Commission's representatives. To request a progress letter due April 1, 2008, documenting steps taken to strengthen general education, including implementation of the new general studies plan. The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2010.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Statement of Accreditation Status for your institution. The Statement of Accreditation Status (SAS) provides important basic information about the institution and its affiliation with the Commission, and it is made available to the public in the Directory of Members and Candidates on the Commission's website at www.msche.org. Accreditation applies to the institution as detailed in the SAS; institutional information is derived from data provided by the institution through annual reporting and from Commission actions. If any of the institutional information is incorrect, please contact the Commission as soon as possible.

Please check to ensure that published references to your institution's accredited status (catalog, other publications, web page) include the full name, address, and telephone number of the accrediting agency. Further guidance is provided in the Commission's policy statement *Advertising, Student Recruitment and Representation of Accredited Status*, which can be obtained from our website.

Please be assured of the continuing interest of the Commission on Higher Education in the well-being of UPR - Rio Piedras Campus. If any further clarification is needed regarding the SAS or other items in this letter, please feel free to contact Dr. Luis G. Pedraja, Vice President.

Sincerely,

Jessica S. Kozloff
Chair

c: Lcdo. Antonio Garcia Padilla, President, University of Puerto Rico Central Administration
Mr. Justo Reyes-Torres, Executive Director, Puerto Rico Council on Higher Education



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STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Enrollment (Headcount): 15279 Undergraduate; 3796 Graduate
Control: Public
Affiliation: State and Local
Institution Type: Doctoral/Research-Intensive
Degrees Offered: Certificate/Diploma, Bachelor's, Master's, 1st Professional Degree, Doctoral
Distance Learning: Yes (approved for the following program(s): School Library Certificate Program)

Accreditors Approved by U.S. Secretary of Education: American Bar Association (ABA), Section on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar ; American Dietetic Association, Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education (CADE) ; American Library Association (ALA), Committee on Accreditation ; Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE); Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) ; National Architecture Accrediting Board (NAAB) ; National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) ; Planning Accreditation Board (PAB)

Other Accreditors: American Chemical Society (ACS)

Instructional Locations

Branch Campuses: None

Additional Locations: None

Other Instructional Sites: None

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

Status: Member since 1946

Last Reaffirmed: June 22, 2005

Most Recent Commission Action:

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Brief History Since Last Comprehensive Evaluation:

June 22, 2005: To reaffirm accreditation. To request a monitoring report due by November 1, 2006, documenting (1) progress made in the implementation of a comprehensive institutional strategic plan which links long-range planning to decision making and budgeting processes; (2) implementation of a written plan for the assessment of institutional effectiveness; and (3) progress toward the implementation of a new undergraduate curriculum. A small team visit may follow submission of the report. The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2010.

Next Self-Study Evaluation: 2014 - 2015

Next Periodic Review Report: 2010

Date Printed: June 29, 2007

DEFINITIONS

Branch Campus - A location of an institution that is geographically apart and independent of the main campus of the institution. The location is independent if the location: offers courses in educational programs leading to a degree, certificate, or other recognized educational credential; has its own faculty and administrative or supervisory organization; and has its own budgetary and hiring authority.

Additional Location - A location, other than a branch campus, that is geographically apart from the main campus and at which the institution offers at least 50 percent of an educational program.

Other Instructional Sites - A location, other than a branch campus or additional location, at which the institution offers one or more courses for credit.

Distance Learning - Yes or No indicates whether or not the institution has been approved to offer one or more degree or certificate/diploma programs for which students could meet 50% or more of their requirements by taking distance learning courses.