



## SUMMARY OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

### Liberty University

In accordance with the *June 2013 COSMA Accreditation Process Manual, page 21*, this summary of accreditation status describes the formal action taken by the Commission on Sport Management Accreditation (COSMA) Board of Commissioners with regard to an academic unit/sport management program seeking accreditation for its sport management programs by COSMA.

#### **Profile of Accredited Academic Unit/Sport Management Program**

Type of Program: Bachelor of Science, Sport Management

#### **COSMA Accreditation Information**

History: "Accredited with Notes" in June 2011

The COSMA Board of Commissioners reviewed Liberty University's Bachelor of Science degree in sport management in June 2011. The review was based on the eight COSMA accreditation principles that require an academic unit/sport management program to show that its program(s) displays excellence in undergraduate and graduate sport management education and continuous improvement through COSMA's developmental approach (June 2012 *COSMA Accreditation Principles and Self Study Preparation*, p. 1).

On June 1, 2011, the COSMA Board of Commissioners determined that Liberty University demonstrated that it meets these principles, that its program is consistent with the continuous improvement and excellence in sport management education that COSMA has established and should receive recognition for a period of up to 7 years.

#### **Additional Reporting Requirements**

The Liberty University Bachelor of Science degree is "Accredited with Notes." "Accredited with Notes" indicates that certain principles of COSMA have not been met. The institution is required to address the Notes on an annual basis until those concerns are dealt with by the institution and accepted by COSMA. The institution has up to three years to eliminate the deficiencies identified in the Notes. If the deficiencies are not removed within the required three-year period, the BOC may place it on probation (June 2013 *COSMA Accreditation Process Manual*, pp. 20-21).

**Notes:**

Principle 2: Strategic Planning

**Issue:** Reorganize the strategic plan to include the program's learning objectives, strategies, action plans, outcomes assessment processes, and operational objectives, into the action plan section of the outcomes assessment plan (Principle 1) rather than only in the WEAVE Report.

**Note 1:** Clarify how the strategic plan is implemented and show how it links back to the outcomes assessment process.

**Resolved: September 2011.**

Liberty University will provide an Annual Report, due by July 31 each year, that addresses the "Notes" specified by the Board of Commissioners in their letter of accreditation. The purpose of the annual report is to keep the COSMA apprised of the activities of and the changes that take place within the academic unit/sport management program each academic year so a determination can be made that the academic unit/sport management program remains in compliance with COSMA accreditation principles, policies, and procedures. Any activity or change within the institution and/or the academic unit/sport management program that materially alters the status of the sport management faculty, the sport management curriculum, the resources in support of the academic unit/sport management program, or other issue that might impact its compliance with COSMA accreditation principles must be reported in the annual report to the COSMA.

**Most Recent Accreditation Action**

Date: February 21, 2013

Decision: Granted Candidacy Status to the Master of Science, Sport Management program. A site visit will be scheduled in the Fall of 2014.

**Reaffirmation of Accreditation: June 2018****Student Learning Outcomes**

Information pertaining to student learning and achievement in the sport management program accredited by COSMA can be obtained by visiting Liberty University's website at [Liberty University Sport Management Program](#) or by contacting Dr. Vicky Martin at vmartin@liberty.edu.