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**Advancing Excellence in Sport Management Education**

**2018 Board of Commissioners Accreditation Actions**

**February 7, 2018, Meeting**

**April 17, 2018, Conference Call**

**September 14, 2018, Meeting**

**October 24, 2018, Conference Call**

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| **Candidacy Status Decisions (ongoing)** | | |
| Shorter University | Bachelor of Business Administration in Sport Management (traditional, online)  Masters of Business Administration in Sport Management | Candidacy Status Granted |
| University of Southern Indiana | Master of Science in Sport Management | Candidacy Status Granted |
| Ashford University | Bachelor of Arts in Sport and Recreation Management | Candidacy Status Granted |
| Lasell College (master’s degree only) | Master of Science, Sport Management. Concentrations in:  - Athletic Administration  - Sport Tourism and Hospitality Management  - Sport Leadership  - Parks and Recreation | Candidacy Status Granted |
| East Stroudsburg University | Bachelor of Science, Sport Management  Master of Science, Sport Management  Master of Science, Management and Leadership Sport Management | Candidacy Status Granted |
| **Accreditation Status Decisions (2/7/18 and 9/14/18)** | | |
| Saint Leo University | Bachelor of Arts, Sport Business  Master of Business Administration, Concentration in Sport Business | Reaffirmation of Accreditation Deferred\* |
| Slippery Rock University | Bachelor of Science in Sport Management | Reaffirmation of Accreditation with Notes\*\* and Observations\*\*\* |
| Liberty University | Bachelor of Science in Sport Management (*Residential*)  Bachelor of Science in Coaching (*Residential*)  Master of Science in Sport Management (*Residential and Online*) | Reaffirmation of Accreditation with Notes\*\* and Observations\*\*\* |
| Troy University | Bachelor of Science, Hospitality, Sport and Tourism Management – Sport Management Concentration  Master of Science, Sport Management  Doctor of Philosophy, Sport Management | Reaffirmation of Accreditation with Notes\*\* and Observations\*\*\* |
| **Probation**\*\*\*\* | | |
| Ashford University | Failure to submit a complete Annual Report | **Removed** October 24, 2018 |
| Lasell College | Failure to submit a complete Annual Report | **Removed** October 24, 2018 |
| Endicott College | Failure to submit a complete Annual Report | **Removed** October 24, 2018 |

\* When an academic unit/sport management program seeking reaffirmation of accreditation is found to be in noncompliance with a number of COSMA principles, the Board of Commissioners may defer action until its next scheduled meeting (approximately 4-6 months). The academic unit/sport management program will continue to hold their accredited status through this process. A deferral is, in effect, a ruling of no action on accreditation at that time and, therefore, the action cannot be appealed. There are two major reasons for a deferral action: first, the deficiencies are extensive; and/or second, adequate information concerning compliance with principles was not included in the self study document or other related documents. Often, extensive deficiencies indicate adequate information has not been provided.

\*\*Notes represent areas in which COSMA’s Accreditation Principles have not been fully met. The academic unit/sport management program is required to take action on Notes and has up to two years to eliminate the deficiencies identified in the Notes. Until the COSMA Board of Commissioners determines that these deficiencies have been eliminated, the progress made in ameliorating the deficiencies must be addressed each year in the academic unit/sport management program’s Annual Report to COSMA.

\*\*\*Observations are suggestions for improvement that are intended to assist the academic unit/sport management program in achieving excellence in sport management education. Action on observations is recommended, but not required.

\*\*\*\*When the academic unit/sport management program is placed on probation, the academic unit/sport management program will be notified and requested to respond to the issues that caused it to be placed on probation. The issues must be remedied within the time frame specified by the COSMA Board of Commissioners; this time frame will not exceed one year.