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Dear Governors State University College of Business Student:

Our College of Business is in the final stages of review for initial accreditation from AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. AACSB is a not-for-profit membership organization of educational institutions, corporations, and other organizations devoted to the promotion and improvement of higher education in business administration and accounting. As the premier accrediting agency for bachelors, masters and doctoral degree programs in business administration it represents the highest standard of achievement for business schools, worldwide. Fewer than 5% (736) of the world's more than 15,000 business programs have earned AACSB Accreditation. Nearly 50 countries and territories are represented by AACSB-accredited schools.

Institutions that earn this accreditation confirm their commitment to quality and continuous improvement through a rigorous and comprehensive peer review. To achieve accreditation, business programs must satisfy the expectations of a wide range of quality standards relating to strategic management of resources, educational interactions of faculty and students, and achievement of learning goals in degree programs. These standards are mission-linked, and we believe that our programs meet--and even exceed--the standards.

As a student, you will be pleased to know that when surveyed, 83% of surveyed schools reported an increase in the number of recruiters and employers that were interested in their graduates after they earned AACSB Accreditation.

As the final step in the process, three business school deans with detailed knowledge of management education will visit Governors State University October 4 through October 7. Once the team has completed its evaluation of our programs, their recommendation will be reviewed by the AACSB Initial Accreditation Committee. We will be notified of our accreditation status early in the spring 2016 semester.

If you would like more information on the process as it relates to Governors State, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellen Foster Curtis".

Dr. Ellen Foster Curtis, Dean