

Union University Earns AACSB Accreditation

Tampa, Fla, USA (June 10, 2013)—AACSB International (AACSB) announced today that Union University has earned accreditation for its McAfee School of Business Administration. Founded in 1916, AACSB International is the longest serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate, master's, and doctorate degrees in business and accounting.

"AACSB congratulates Union University and Dean Keith Absher on earning accreditation, and we welcome them into the family of AACSB-accredited business schools," said Robert D. Reid, executive vice president and chief accreditation officer of AACSB International. "AACSB Accreditation represents the highest achievement for an educational institution that awards business degrees. Dean Absher and the faculty, directors, and staff of Union University are to be commended for their role in earning accreditation."

AACSB Accreditation is the hallmark of excellence in business education, and has been earned by less than five percent of the world's business programs. Today, there are 681 business schools in 45 countries and territories that maintain AACSB Accreditation. Similarly, 179 institutions maintain an additional specialized AACSB Accreditation for their accounting programs.

Achieving accreditation is a process of rigorous internal review, evaluation, and adjustment and can take several years to complete. During these years, the school develops and implements a plan to meet the AACSB Accreditation Standards, which require a high quality teaching environment, a commitment to continuous improvement, and curricula responsive to the needs of businesses. Also required by the AACSB standards, all accredited schools must go through a peer review process every five years in order to maintain their accreditation.

"It takes a great deal of self evaluation and determination to earn AACSB Accreditation, and I commend Union University for its dedication to management education, as well as its leadership in the community," said Reid. "Through accreditation, Union has not only met specific standards of excellence, but has also made a commitment to ongoing improvement to ensure that the institution will continue to deliver high quality education to its students."

AACSB International also announced that Carleton University (*Canada*), Florida Southern College (*United States*), Groupe Sup de Co La Rochelle (*France*), Nanjing University (*China*), University of Arkansas at Fort Smith (*United States*), University of Cape Town (*South Africa*), University of New South Wales (*Australia*), Zagreb School of Economics and Management (*Croatia*), and Zayed University (*United Arab Emirates*) earned AACSB Accreditation in business, and the University of Nebraska at Omaha (*United States*) earned AACSB Accreditation in accounting.

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About AACSB International

AACSB International (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business), founded in 1916, is an association of more than 1,350 educational institutions, businesses, and other organizations in 83 countries and territories. AACSB's mission is to advance quality management education worldwide through accreditation, thought leadership, and value-added services. As the premier accreditation body for institutions offering undergraduate, master's, and doctorate degrees in business and accounting, the association also conducts a wide array of conferences and seminar programs at locations throughout the world. AACSB's global headquarters is located in Tampa, Florida, USA and its Asia Pacific headquarters is located in Singapore. For more information, please visit: www.aacsb.edu.

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