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Dr. Gayle Hutchinson
President
California State University, Chico
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Dear President Hutchinson,

During our July 2021 Annual Meeting, the American Council for Construction Education (ACCE) Board of Trustees reviewed the application for renewal of the Construction Management Program's accreditation at California State University, Chico. The Board had available the final report of the Visiting Team, which is enclosed. Based on the review of the Visiting Team Report indicating that there are no Weaknesses along with a positive recommendation from the ACCE Accreditation Committee, the Board has approved a six-year reaccreditation of the Program from February 2022 through February 2028.

The enclosed Visiting Team Report contains a delineation of identified Strengths, Concerns, and Undeveloped Potential. ACCE expects that the two cited Concerns will be addressed during the accreditation period and looks forward to learning the Program's progress in addressing the Concerns in the Progress Reports. We encourage the Program to explore the Undeveloped Potentials in collaboration with their industry advisory committee.

As directed by the Board, ACCE requires a First-Year and a Third-Year Progress Report containing documented progress towards alleviating the two Concerns cited in the Visiting Team Report. While a Third-Year Report is required from all reaccredited programs, a First-Year Report is requested because of the Visiting Team's number of Concerns. These relate to the need to hire new faculty members to replace several who are in the process of retiring and the student need for access to additional computer peripheral equipment to complete curricular requirements.

The First-Year Progress Report will be due on November 1, 2022; the Third-Year Progress Report will be due on November 1, 2024. A Progress Report form explicitly designed for the Construction Management program at California State University, Chico will be sent to the Department Chair, Professor Richard Holman, in September of the previous year of the Progress Reports' due date.

As required by ACCE Document 101, *Accreditation Manual*, the Program is required to address the Concerns identified in the Progress Report. If a Concern has been alleviated, the Program needs to describe how and when it was alleviated. Documentation needs to be attached, if necessary, to support the assertion that the Concern has been alleviated. If the Concern has not been alleviated entirely, the Program is to provide a summary of the status and a specific action plan for the elimination of the Concern.



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A renewal of accreditation visit near the end of the six years should be scheduled between February 1 and March 31, 2027. The Self-Evaluation Study, in preparation for this visit, will be due on November 1, 2026, and the Student Learning Outcome (SLO) documentation will be due on December 1, 2026. ACCE will provide access to its OneDrive server for uploading the Self-Evaluation Study and SLO documentation.

The Board of Trustees congratulates the Program for its reaccreditation. It expresses appreciation for the many courtesies extended to our Visiting Team and the positive way that the California State University, Chico faculty and staff responded throughout the review process. There were many challenges during the reaccreditation including the changes in the CHEA requirements for accreditation, and the COVID-19 pandemic. We appreciate Mr. Holman's, Mr. Souder's, and Mr. Bond's patience throughout this process and recognize them for their diligence and cooperation.

We wish California State University, Chico continued success with the Construction Management Program and feel confident that the graduates, the construction community, and our country will benefit from the graduates at California State University, Chico.

Should you need additional information regarding the Visiting Team Report or about ACCE, please contact President Steve Nellis via email at Steve.Nellis@ACCE-HQ.org.

Congratulations on your achievement!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Schaufelberger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. John Schaufelberger
Chair, ACCE Board of Trustees

Enclosure: Visiting Team Report

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