



Middle States Commission on Higher Education

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June 25, 2018

Dr. Wilma L. Santiago Gabrielini
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Dear Dr. Santiago Gabrielini:

At its session on June 21, 2018, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education acted:

To accept the supplemental information report of March 2018 and the monitoring report of September 2017. To note the visit from the Commission representatives. To request a supplemental information report, due September 1, 2018, providing (1) evidence that the institution has documented financial resources, funding base, and plans for financial development adequate to support its educational purposes and programs and to ensure financial stability; (2) updated information on the impact of the Fiscal Oversight Management Board's plan and proposed restructuring on the institution's status and finances (Standard VI); and (3) evidence that the institution demonstrates a record of responsible fiscal management, has a prepared budget for the current year, and undergoes an external financial audit on an annual basis [Standard VI and Requirement of Affiliation 11]. A small team visit may follow submission of the report. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2024-2025.

For more information on submitting a follow-up report, please see Commission guidelines *Follow-up Reports and Visits*. The institution is obligated to make a full and honest disclosure in its reports.

Enclosed is a copy of the institution's Statement of Accreditation Status (SAS) for your review. If any of the factual information is incorrect, please contact the Commission as soon as possible.

In accordance with Commission policy, the accreditation status of the institution must be accurately represented. Please ensure that published references to your institution's candidate status or accredited status (catalog, other publications, web page) are accurate and include the full name, address, and telephone number of the accrediting agency, and the effective date (month and year) when status was granted. Candidate for Accreditation is a status with the Commission that indicates that an institution has achieved membership and is progressing toward, but is not assured of, accreditation.

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Please be assured of the continuing interest of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education in the well-being of UPR - Mayaguez. If any further clarification is needed regarding the SAS or other items in this letter, please feel free to contact Dr. Idna M. Corbett, Vice President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary L. Wirt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Gary L. Wirt, Ed.D.
Chair

c: Interim President, University of Puerto Rico Central Administration
Executive Director, Puerto Rico Council on Higher Education



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STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Enrollment (Headcount): 12283 Undergraduate ; 1033 Graduate

Control: Public

Affiliation: Government-State - None

2015 Carnegie Classification: Master's Colleges & Universities - Medium Programs

Approved Degree Levels: Bachelor's, Postbaccalaureate Award/Cert/Diploma, Master's, Doctor's - Research/Scholarship;

Distance Education Programs: Not Approved

Accreditors Recognized by U.S. Secretary of Education:

Instructional Locations

Branch Campuses: None

Additional Locations: Magueyes Island, Marine Science Dept., Lajas, PR.

Other Instructional Sites: Agricultural Experiment Station, Adjuntas, PR; Agricultural Experiment Station, Corozal, PR; Agricultural Experiment Station, Lajas, PR; Agricultural Experiment Station, Isabela, PR; Agricultural Experiment Station, Juana Di?az, PR; Agricultural Experiment Station, Rio Piedras, PR; Agricultural Experiment Station, Gurabo, PR; Alzamora Farm, Mayaguez, PR; La Montana Farm, Aguadilla, PR.

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

Status: Member since 1946

Last Reaffirmed: June 23, 2016

Most Recent Commission Action:

June 21, 2018: To accept the supplemental information report of March 2018 and the monitoring report of September 2017. To note the visit from the Commission representatives. To request a supplemental information report, due September 1, 2018, providing (1) evidence that the institution has documented financial resources, funding base, and plans for financial development adequate to support its educational purposes and programs and to ensure financial stability; (2) updated information on the impact of the Fiscal Oversight Management Board's plan and proposed restructuring on the institution's status and finances (Standard VI); and (3) evidence that the institution demonstrates a record of responsible fiscal management, has a prepared budget for the current year, and undergoes an external financial audit on an annual basis [Standard VI and Requirement of Affiliation 11]. A small team visit may follow submission of the report. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2024-2025.

Brief History Since Last Comprehensive Evaluation:

June 23, 2016: To reaffirm accreditation. The date for the next accreditation review will be determined by the Commission when it revises the accreditation cycle.

May 2, 2017: Staff acted on behalf of the Commission to request a supplemental information report, due May 5, 2017, addressing concerns regarding recent developments at the institution which may have implications for current and future compliance with Requirements of Affiliation, Standards, or Commission Policies.

May 18, 2017: To accept the Supplemental Information Report. To request a monitoring report, due September 1, 2017, documenting evidence that the institution has documented financial resources, funding base, and plans for financial development adequate to support its educational purposes and programs and to assure financial stability (Requirement of Affiliation 8 and Standard 3). A small team visit may follow submission of the report. To remind the institution of its obligation to inform the Commission about any and all significant developments relevant to this action, including developments relevant to Title IV program responsibilities. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2024-2025.

- October 19, 2017: To request a supplemental information report due, December 1, 2017, regarding the status of the institution. To note that the monitoring report has been received and will be acted on at the March Commission meeting. To note that a small team visit will not be conducted at this time.
- February 15, 2018: To accept the Supplemental Information report. To request a Supplemental Information report, due March 15, 2018, regarding the status of the institution. A small team visit will follow submission of the report. To note that the monitoring report submitted in September 2017 will be acted upon at the June Commission meeting. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2024-2025.

Next Self-Study Evaluation: 2024 - 2025

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DEFINITIONS

Branch Campus - A location of an institution that is geographically apart and independent of the main campus of the institution. The location is independent if the location: offers courses in educational programs leading to a degree, certificate, or other recognized educational credential; has its own faculty and administrative or supervisory organization; and has its own budgetary and hiring authority.

Additional Location - A location, other than a branch campus, that is geographically apart from the main campus and at which the institution offers at least 50 percent of an educational program. **ANYA** ("Approved but Not Yet Active") indicates that the location is included within the scope of accreditation but has not yet begun to offer courses. This designation is removed after the Commission receives notification that courses have begun at this location.

Other Instructional Sites - A location, other than a branch campus or additional location, at which the institution offers one or more courses for credit.

Distance Education Programs - Fully Approved, Approved (one program approved) or Not Approved indicates whether or not the institution has been approved to offer diploma/certificate/degree programs via distance education (programs for which students could meet 50% or more of the requirements of the program by taking distance education courses). Per the Commission's Substantive Change policy, Commission approval of the first two Distance Education programs is required to be "Fully Approved." If only one program is approved by the Commission, the specific name of the program will be listed in parentheses after "Approved."

Commission actions are explained in the policy [Accreditation Actions](#).