Dear Dr. Dobbins:

I am writing to report that the Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism, and Related Professions (COAPRT), at its meeting on October 13, 2014 in Charlotte, NC approved continuing accreditation of the Southeast Missouri State University Department of Health, Human Performance and Recreation - Recreation Program until 2021 with the requirement of additional information and/or minor revisions.

The Council approved the following commendations:
- Southeast Missouri State University’s commitment to academic excellence as evidenced by over 20 years of COAPRT accreditation

The Council also approved the following recommendations:
- Efforts to advise administration of the need for adequate resources should continue. (Standard 3.01:02)
- Efforts to advise administration of the need for adequate classrooms, laboratory and teaching areas, and appropriate content-specific instructional areas for the academic unit should continue. (Standard 6.04)

Additionally, the Council requires the following information and/or minor revisions to be sent electronically to COAPRT@nrpa.org:
- The program shall provide evidence that at least one faculty member has completed formal COAPRT training. Evidence of compliance shall be provided to Council no later than February 1, 2015. (Standard 1.06)
- Evidence shall be provided demonstrating that the program uses learning outcomes data to inform decisions. The self-study stated that reports from the learning assessments will be compiled at the end of each spring term and used to inform decisions made during faculty retreat each August and discussed at the fall advisory board meeting. Evidence of compliance shall be provided to Council no later than February 1, 2015. (Standard 2.05:04)
- The program shall provide evidence that the Recreation Program Advisory Board continues to meet regularly. Evidence of compliance shall be provided to Council no later than August 1, 2015. (Standard 2.02)
- The program shall provide evidence that the Recreation Program Advisory Board continues to meet regularly and includes current student representation. Evidence of compliance shall be provided to Council no later than August 1, 2015. (Standard 5.01)
- The program shall provide evidence that the metrics used for assessment are suitable and appropriate for their intended use. Evidence of suitability and appropriateness are not provided in the assessment report posted on the website. Evidence of compliance shall be provided to Council no later than August 1, 2015. (Standard 2.05:03)
• Evidence shall be provided demonstrating that student advising systems are continually improved through evaluation. Limited evaluation in the form of students’ satisfaction with advising is collected in the exit survey. Such data fail to determine whether advising is effective and provide guidance for improvements. Evidence of compliance shall be provided to Council no later than August 1, 2015. (Standard 5.04:01)

• Evidence shall be provided demonstrating that the program uses assessment data for programmatic decisions. Since the data indicated students achieved learning outcomes at or exceeding targets, “Faculty have selected to evaluate all assessment instruments and monitor student learning outcomes over the next 2 semesters.” Evidence that assessment instruments have been assessed and learning outcome assessment data shall be provided to Council no later than August 1, 2015. (Standards 7.01.01, 7.01.02, 7.01.03, 7.01.04)

Your institution’s accreditation by the COAPRT is valid until the program’s next review in the fall of 2021. The program should expect an on-site visit between August - December 2020. To maintain accreditation, the institution must also comply with the Council’s requirements for timely submission of annual reports and fees.

The Council is pleased to maintain Southeast Missouri State University Department of Health, Human Performance and Recreation - Recreation Program on the list of accredited programs. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

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Awards and Accreditation Manager

cc: Dr. Joe Pujo
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