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Dear Dr. Latif:

The Computing Accreditation Commission (CAC) of ABET recently held its 2012 Summer Meeting to act on the program evaluations conducted during 2011-2012. Each evaluation was summarized in a report to the Commission and was considered by the full Commission before a vote was taken on the accreditation action. The results of the evaluation for Purdue University Calumet are included in the enclosed Summary of Accreditation Actions. The Final Statement to your institution that discusses the findings on which each action was based is also enclosed.

The policy of ABET is to grant accreditation for a limited number of years, not to exceed six, in all cases. The period of accreditation is not an indication of program quality. Any restriction of the period of accreditation is based upon conditions indicating that compliance with the applicable accreditation criteria must be strengthened. Continuation of accreditation beyond the time specified requires a reevaluation of the program at the request of the institution as noted in the accreditation action. ABET policy prohibits public disclosure of the period for which a program is accredited. For further guidance concerning the public release of accreditation information, please refer to Section II.A. of the 2011-2012 Accreditation Policy and Procedure Manual (available at www.abet.org).

A list of accredited programs is published annually by ABET. Information about ABET accredited programs at your institution will be listed in the forthcoming ABET Accreditation Yearbook and on the ABET web site (www.abet.org).

It is the obligation of the officer responsible for ABET accredited programs at your institution to notify ABET of any significant changes in program title, personnel, curriculum, or other factors which could affect the accreditation status of a program during the period of accreditation stated in Section II.H. of the 2011-2012 Accreditation Policy and Procedure Manual (available at www.abet.org).
Please note that appeals are allowed only in the case of Not to Accredit actions. Also, such appeals may be based only on the conditions stated in Section II.L. of the 2011-2012 Accreditation Policy and Procedure Manual (available at www.abet.org).

Sincerely,

Harold Grossman, Chair
Computing Accreditation Commission

Enclosure: Summary of Accreditation Action
Final Statement

cc: Thomas Keon, Chancellor
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Accredit to September 30, 2018. A request to ABET by January 31, 2017 will be required to initiate a reaccreditation evaluation visit. In preparation for the visit, a Self-Study Report must be submitted to ABET by July 01, 2017. The reaccreditation evaluation will be a comprehensive general review.

This is a newly accredited program. Please note that this accreditation action extends retroactively from October 01, 2010.
Final Statement of Accreditation

to

PURDUE UNIVERSITY CALUMET
Hammond, IN

2011 – 2012 Accreditation Cycle
FINAL STATEMENT

This is a confidential statement from the Computing Accreditation Commission to the institution. It is intended for internal use only and is not for release except as allowed by policies of ABET.

I. INTRODUCTION

Purdue University Calumet is a University in Northwest Indiana, part of the Purdue University System. The University has approximately 10,000 students, and approximately 300 faculty members. The BS degree program in Computer Information Technology (CIT) is housed in the Department of Computer Information Technology and Graphics (CITG), which is one of the three academic departments within the School of Technology. The Department Head is administrative and academic head of the program and has the direct responsibility for all faculty activities. The head of the department in cooperation with faculty members in the CIT program is responsible for the design of the curriculum, planning and organizing by following the established curriculum development process in the School of Technology.

The following program at the institution was evaluated during the 2011-12 cycle for possible accreditation under the CAC/ABET “Criteria for Accrediting Computing Programs” (Criteria) dated October 30, 2010:

- BS in Computer Information Technology, evaluated under the General Criteria and the 2011-2012 Program Criteria. The BS in Computer Information Systems has not previously been accredited.

The programs listed above were evaluated under the CAC/ABET “Criteria for Accrediting Computing Programs” (Criteria) dated November 1, 2011 by the peer review team shown below.

- Team Chair: Dr. David A. Cook, Stephen F. Austin State University
- Program Evaluator: Dr. Leah Pietron, University of Nebraska, Omaha
  Ms. Annu Prabhakar, University of Cincinnati
- Editor One: Dr. Jim Leone, Rochester Institute of Technology
- Editor Two: Dr. Allen Parish, University of Alabama

Please note that program accreditation decisions are made solely by the respective Commissions of ABET. Reference to the professional affiliations of the volunteer peer evaluators in no way constitutes or implies endorsement or recommendation of the programs by the listed professional affiliations.
II. REPORT OF FINDINGS

The *Criteria* is composed of the General Criteria and Program Criteria. Each criterion provides the underlying principles that each program must meet. A program must meet both the General Criteria and all applicable Program Criteria to be accredited.

This section contains the findings from the time of the visit. It also includes an evaluation of any information provided by the program during the due process response. CAC considers the following comments to relate directly to its accreditation actions.

A program’s accreditation action will be based upon the findings summarized in this statement. Actions will depend on the program’s range of compliance or non-compliance with the criteria. This can be determined from the following terminology:

- **Deficiency:** A deficiency indicates that a criterion, policy, or procedure is not satisfied. Therefore, the program is not in compliance with the criteria.

- **Weakness:** A weakness indicates that a program lacks the strength of compliance with a criterion, policy, or procedure to ensure that the quality of the program will not be compromised. Therefore, remedial action is required to strengthen compliance with the criterion, policy, or procedure prior to the next evaluation.

- **Concern:** A concern indicates that a program currently satisfies a criterion, policy, or procedure; however, the potential exists for the situation to change such that the criterion, policy, or procedure may not be satisfied.

- **Observation:** An observation is a comment or suggestion that does not relate directly to the accreditation action but is offered to assist the institution in its continuing efforts to improve its programs.
Computer Information Program

The Department of Computer Information Technology is in the Department of Computer Information Technology and Graphics (CITG), which is one of the three academic departments within the School of Technology, and currently has 95 full-time and 46 part-time students. There are 10 full-time faculty members.

Program Strengths

1. During the visit, the team was impressed with the high degree of cooperation between the various levels of administration, especially between the Dean and the Dept. Head. In addition, the team was impressed with the dedication and “can do” attitude of the faculty and staff. While good cooperation among departments and the administration is normal at most universities, the attitude and cooperation displayed at this institution was above the norm. The cooperation and communication facilitated quick resolution of both faculty and student problems.

Status of Shortcomings from the Previous Review

This is an initial accreditation visit.

Findings from the Current Review

Program Concerns

1. Criterion 6. Faculty. Criterion 6 states “The faculty serving in the program must be of sufficient number to maintain continuity, stability, oversight, student interaction, and advising.” The faculty has a high teaching/research workload and, when combined with new recruitment duties, the team is concerned that there is a potential for this to possibly affect future faculty performance.

   Due-process response: The institution responded that faculty play a minor role in recruitment.

   Due-process evaluation: The concern is resolved. The concern states that the high teaching/research workload is an issue only in the context of the new recruitment duties, which according to the due process response, are not significant in nature.

The program satisfies the General Criteria and the Information Technology Program Criteria except as noted above.
III. SUMMARY

The following is a summary of this evaluation for the Purdue University Calumet during the 2011-2012 cycle:

Computer Science Program

The program has no shortcomings.