CSU Channel Islands business programs approved for ACBSP candidacy

CSU Channel Islands is pleased to announce that the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) has approved the University as a candidate for accreditation of its undergraduate and graduate business programs offered through the Martin V. Smith (MVS) School of Business and Economics.

As a candidate for ACBSP accreditation, CI will be assigned a mentor to guide CI through the accreditation process, which includes a self-study of the current business programs. Peer evaluators then follow-up with a site visit. The ACBSP Baccalaureate/Graduate Degree Board of Commission will grant final approval of accreditation.

Established in 1988, ACBSP’s mission is to promote continuous improvement and recognize excellence in the accreditation of business education programs around the world. It is the only organization offering specialized business accreditation for all degree levels, from associate to baccalaureate to doctoral degree programs. ACBSP accreditation certifies that the teaching and learning processes within the business programs offered at its accredited colleges and universities meet the rigorous educational standards established by ACBSP.

"We are delighted to have California State University Channel Islands as a candidate for ACBSP accreditation," said Dr. Steve Parscale, ACBSP Chief Accreditation Officer. "The fact that CI is pursuing ACBSP accreditation shows their commitment to providing the highest quality business education for their students," he said. According to Dr. William Cordeiro, CI Associate Vice President and head of the Smith School, "Being a candidate for ACBSP accreditation enhances our value to our students and ultimately makes them more attractive in the marketplace." ACBSP is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) as a specialized accreditation agency for business education. ACBSP currently has 1,315 member campuses, 211 of which are located outside of the U.S. Of those campuses, 997 have achieved accreditation and more than 225 are in candidacy for accreditation. Individual members on these campuses now exceed 11,000.