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Dear Dean Abdelsamad:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the peer review team recommendation to extend maintenance of accreditation for the undergraduate and graduate degree programs in business offered by your school is concurred with by the Maintenance of Accreditation Committee and ratified by the Board of Directors. Congratulations to you, the faculty, the students, the staff, and all supporters of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

One purpose of peer review is to stimulate further continuous improvement of quality programs. As noted in the team report, your school is to be commended on the following strengths and effective practices:

1. The Professional Program in Accounting includes innovative features and offers a special path for students to prepare for the CPA exam.
2. Innovative learning initiatives include discipline-specific trips in finance, marketing, and new venture creation.
3. The community is involved with students in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

In the interest of continuous improvement, the development of annual maintenance reports provides your school an ongoing opportunity to discuss progress on and updates to the action items within your school’s strategic plan. These annual progress updates are to be retained at your school until 60 days prior to your next on-site review. As identified within the peer review team report, the following items are suggested for incorporation into your ongoing strategic planning initiatives:

1. Increase the precision of the rubric for defining requirements for maintaining academic qualifications, as this will more clearly define expectations for the faculty and ultimately lead to increases in research productivity.
2. Complete the process of mapping all learning goals with course embedded measures to the curricula.

Your school has achieved accreditation for six additional years. The next on-site maintenance review occurs in the fifth year, 2013-14. A timeline specific to your visit year is attached. Please refer to the Maintenance of Accreditation Handbook for more information regarding the processes for maintenance of accreditation. The handbook is updated periodically to provide the most current process improvements.

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1 See Attachment A: Scope of Accreditation  
2 See Attachment B: Timeline
Again, congratulations from the Accreditation Council and AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Thank you for participating in the maintenance of accreditation process and for providing valuable feedback that is essential to a meaningful and beneficial review.

Sincerely,

Richard Cosier, Chair
Board of Directors

cc: Peer Review Team
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SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION
Maintenance of Accreditation March 2009

Name of Institution: Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Name of Business Academic Unit: College of Business

List of Degree Programs Reviewed:

Masters in Business Administration (MBA)
Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)
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<td>- Submit List of Degree Programs including Catalogs</td>
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*Previous four items to be submitted together.*