

The Peer Review Team was so Impressed, CoB Got Probation!

Dean Doty circulated an e-mail to the CoB faculty reporting that something wonderful had happened to the CoB. The AACSB Peer Review Team had awarded CoB continuing review (probation). In Dean Doty's exact words "[a]s you will see, the team was very impressed with our progress and with the things we are doing. I would like to thank each of you for the efforts you have made to contribute to our progress. I spoke with Ted [Cummings, Chairman of the AACSB Peer Review Team] late Wednesday to make sure I understood all the recommendations. He again said that we don't need to do anything different, but we need to keep doing what we have been doing since the new standards took effect 3 and ½ years ago. We have great momentum and the team will visit again next year to be sure we continue the momentum."

Hey this is great! The Peer Review Team was so impressed with our performance they want to visit again next year.

Wait a minute! Did Dean Doty read the *AACSB's Maintenance Accreditation Handbook*?¹ I don't think so. According to the *Handbook*:

"If, during the maintenance of accreditation review, the Peer Review Team finds standards-related **quality items that require additional investigation**, a focused review will occur in the following year. The **Peer Review Team identifies the weakness or threat to educational quality** in Section II of the Maintenance Review Visit Report and **states the expectations for the sixth year review...**"

AACSB's Maintenance Accreditation Handbook, p. 12. (Emphasis added.) (Sorry, Dean Doty. I can't help myself; I have to provide proper attribution. I will leave plagiarism to others.)

Dean Doty's email didn't mention any of those troubling words, like "quality items," "weakness or threat to educational quality". Maybe there is a problem.

What if CoB keeps doing what it has been doing for the past ten years? Well, we get another visit from the AACSB for a third year in a row.

"If successful completion is not achieved in the sixth year, the Sixth Year Review Team will recommend continuing review of maintenance of accreditation for up to two additional years."

AACSB's Maintenance Accreditation Handbook, p. 13

So, Dean Doty, I guess we're going to keep doing what we're doing so the AACSB will visit every year? That's really wonderful isn't it?

¹ http://www.aacsb.edu/accreditation/process/documents/Maintenance_Accreditation_Handbook.pdf

If Dean Doty, or anyone else, believes that, take a look at the *AACSB's Maintenance Accreditation Handbook*, p. 13.

“The continuing review period can be up to two years in duration. If successful completion is not achieved by the end of the continuing review period, the Continuing Review Team will recommend **suspension of accreditation.**”

Suspension of accreditation means CoB loses it accreditation.

Dean Doty, my recommendation is that we don't need to keep doing what we have been doing. We need stop kidding everyone about the mess you have gotten us in and correct the “weakness or threat to educational quality” that the Peer Review Team identified for you and President Thames on February 6, 2007.