**CURRENT ACCREDITATION ACTIVITY AND**

**HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION UPDATE**

**March 2015**

**Summary of recent site visits:**

* The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) conducted a site visit in December 2014 and reported the Counseling Program met all 475 standards. The program will receive the official accreditation decision in spring 2015.
* Ten-year accreditation of the Physical Therapy program was reaffirmed by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) in writing on November 12, 2014.
* The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) Board of Directors has extended the AACSB accreditation of the YSU BSBA and MBA programs.

**Summary of recent accreditation actions:**

* On March 26, 2014, the HLC notified YSU that its Quality Initiative, “Focusing on Retention: Youngstown State University’s Student Success Plan,” has been approved. The Quality Initiative project focuses on student retention through the Student Success initiatives of the strategic plan.

**Details:**

# Art

National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD)

* Self-study submitted March 2006. Site visit conducted April 2006. In Oct. 2006, NASAD granted continued accreditation for the BA in Art History, the BFA in Fine Arts in Studio Arts, and the BS in Education (Art Education) through 2015-16. NASAD approved the MA in Art Education for final listing in November 2011. Next accreditation visit scheduled for 2015-2016. Plan approval applications were submitted to NASAD for painting/printmaking and digital media studio programs. The department is in the process of responding to action reports requested on the two applications. Responses will be submitted by March 1, 2015. The department received the NASAD consultant’s report and has forwarded it to the CCAC dean. The consultant’s comments and recommendations will be used in preparation of the self-study document for the accreditation visit scheduled for spring 2016.

**Business**

AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business

* The AACSB Board of Directors has ratified the recommendation to extend the AACSB accreditation of the YSU BSBA and MBA programs. The next review is scheduled for 2019-2020. The WCBA was commended in seven different areas including the co-location of its centers, the physical facility, faculty engagement, leadership team, advisory councils, partnership with the business incubator, and required professionalism course.

**Chemistry**

American Chemical Society (ACS)

* An annual report is submitted each August/September. A periodic, five-year program review was submitted in July 2009. Because of reorganization at the ACS, the next review will begin no earlier than Fall 2015.