

Policy on Adherence to Accrediting Body’s Policy Statements

Title:	Adherence to Accrediting Body’s Policy Statements
Policy number:	POL 059
Approval(s) required	Academic Senate <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Trustees <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>
Date of Senate approval if required	
Date of Board approval if required	(13/03/2024)
Effective date of implementation	(14/03/2024)
Frequency of review required	The policy should be reviewed every 3 years.
Replacing or superseding information	There are no earlier policies on this matter.
Revision number	New
Responsible Office	Institutional Strengthening and Accreditation
Accountable Officer	Assistant Vice President, Office of Institutional Strengthening and Accreditation
Related legislation, regulation, policy, or policies	The University of The Bahamas Act
Link(s) to the Strategic Plan	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, identify which goal(s)	Preparation for international accreditation
Appendix/Appendices	

1. Authority

This policy is under the authority of the Board of Trustees.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for adhering to and complying with policy statements set forth by the policies of an accrediting body.

3. Scope

This policy pertains to all sectors within the institution. This policy sets out the process for compliance with policy statements from accrediting bodies regarding new institutional requirements and effective communication thereof with the University community.

Definitions

- 3.1 Institutional Accreditation: This is the quality assurance review process of the applicant institution's organizational resources, processes and procedures in its entirety to determine its readiness and credibility in the field of education.
- 3.2 Accrediting Body: An organization or agency responsible for evaluating and accrediting educational institutions, programs, or courses to ensure they meet specific standards of quality and adhere to established criteria.
- 3.3 Policy Statement: An official statement outlining an established course of action. It encompasses policies, interpretations, guidelines, good practices, and position statements serving as a guide to be followed.

4. **Policy Statement**

- 4.1 The University of The Bahamas (UB) will adhere to policy statements of an accrediting body.
- 4.2 The university will comply with changes that may involve new or additional institutional obligations from an accrediting body, which may arise and are not part of the current standards.
- 4.3 The Office of Institutional Strengthening and Accreditation (OISA) serves as the office responsible for monitoring, assessing and communicating any changes in institutional obligations defined by the accrediting body.

5. **Procedure**

Continuous Monitoring of Policy Statements. The Office of Institutional Strengthening and Accreditation (OISA) will conduct continuous monitoring and tracking of policy statements from the accrediting body to ensure timely awareness of any new changes.

Policy Updates and Communicating Changes. OISA is responsible for communicating any changes from the accrediting body. OISA will communicate such changes to stakeholders, ensuring they are well-informed about policy modifications. Additionally, OISA

will conduct assessments, training initiatives, and provide recommendations to contribute to the university's adherence arising from aforementioned changes.