

Policy on Publication of Accreditation Status

Title:	Publication of Accreditation Status
Policy number:	POL 060
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 outline the procedures for specifying the accreditation status of the University of The Bahamas, ensuring transparent, accurate and consistent information to stakeholders regarding the institution's standing with accrediting bodies.

3. Scope

This policy governs all official publication and any communication platforms used for disseminating information about the institution's accreditation status.

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 Disclosure: The act of revealing or making something known publicly.
- 3.4 Branch Campus: A campus of a college or university that is located separately from the main or 'home' campus and is typically smaller.
- 3.5 Parent Institution: The main or primary organizational entity responsible for overseeing the management, academic standards and policies of campuses or affiliated entities.

4. Policy Statement

- 4.1 The University of The Bahamas (UB) is responsible for representing accurately to the public its status and relationship with accrediting bodies.
- 4.2 The University shall maintain standardize and consistent language in its communication across campuses in compliance with accrediting body standards.
- 4.3 The Office of Institutional Strengthening and Accreditation (OISA) is responsible for communicating and updating the accreditation status.

5. Procedure

Disclosure of Candidacy or Accredited Status. The University of The Bahamas (UB) is committed to sharing its accreditation status in all forms of communication, aligning with the official status determined by the accrediting body. UB will ensure the publication of its official status in adherence to the accrediting body's guidelines on the university's website, handbooks/ catalogs, promotional materials, and any platforms used for sharing information about the institution's accreditation status.

Naming Branch Campus. Branch Campuses of the University must incorporate the name of the Parent Institution, constituting at least part of the branch's name. Branch campuses shall adhere to the accreditation standards set by the accrediting bodies overseeing the parent institution. The accreditation status of each branch campus is contingent upon the accreditation status of the parent institution, as such changes in the accreditation status of the parent institution directly affects the accreditation standing of all branch campuses.

Communication and Updates on Accreditation Status Changes. Should there be any alterations in accreditation status, the Office of Institutional Strengthening & Accreditation (OISA) will ensure prompt communication of updates across all relevant platforms within a reasonable timeframe following an official notification from the accrediting body.