

May 3, 2006

Dr. John O'Donnell
President
Stark State College of Technology
6200 Frank Avenue, N.W.
North Canton, OH 44720-7299

Dear President O'Donnell:

Congratulations! The Board of Commissioners of the Associate Degree Commission met on April 26-27, 2006, and granted Full Accreditation with one note and one opportunity for improvement to Stark State College of Technology. An opportunity for improvement is a new tool that the board of commissioners has adopted as a way to deploy the ACBSP guiding principle of continuous improvement.

The note and opportunity for improvement placed on your program are:

Note on Exhibit D: Faculty Qualifications - Request report on faculty qualifications. Several people were listed with a MA or MS degrees, but ACBSP can not tell if the graduate degree is in our out of the teaching field.

Opportunity for Improvement on Exhibit R: Outcomes Assessment – Continue to develop and deploy your outcomes assessment program including any plans you have for improving, refining, or enhancing your outcomes assessment program.

As a result of the note, you will be required to submit a status report on only the note each year due by February 15, beginning in 2007, until the note is removed. Your first full Quality Assurance Report will be due in February 2008 and every two years after that. Your ten-year reaffirmation self-study will be due in 2016.

ACBSP encourages you to publicly announce that your business programs are accredited. As you prepare these materials, the following is your official ACBSP statement:

Stark State College of Technology is nationally accredited by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs to offer the following business degrees:

Accounting Technology
Financial Services Technology
Administrative Information Technology
Legal Assisting Technology
Business Management Technology
Management and Marketing Technology
Operations Management Technology

Please take this opportunity to review the institution name as it will appear on your Certificate of Accreditation. If this is not correct, please notify Diana Hallerud via email at dianahallerud@acbsp.org and provide the correction by May 15, 2006.

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**Name of institution as it will appear on the certificate:
Stark State College of Technology**

I hope that you will plan to attend the accreditation ceremonies to receive recognition on Sunday evening, June 18, 2006, at our Accreditation Banquet. This year the Annual Conference is being held in Chicago, Illinois, at the Marriott Hotel located on the Magnificent Mile.

You are encouraged to attend along with your Chief Academic Officer and Dean or Head of the Business School or Program. Many institutions even invite many of the faculty to this prestigious celebration.

Your institution will also be announced during the Associate Degree Institution meeting held on Friday, June 16, 2006 at 2:30 pm. There is a breakfast on Sunday morning June 18, 2006, at 8:00 a.m. for those institutions that are receiving accreditation. The purpose of the breakfast is to more personally congratulate the institutional representatives and to outline the procedures that will be followed at the accreditation banquet. At least one institutional representative should attend the breakfast.

In addition to the breakfast, a professional photographer will be available at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 18 to photograph all institutional representatives along with the ACBSP Director of Accreditation, Associate Director, and the Chair of the Associate Board of Commissioners. Appropriate dress for the photo session and banquet is business professional.

Additional information regarding the conference is available on our website at www.acbsp.org. Registration forms will be available online. Please make your hotel reservations no later than May 15, 2006. Congratulations on maintaining such a high quality business program.

Sincerely,

Steve Parscale
Director of Accreditation

C: Dr. Lawrence M. Cox, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Corporate Services
Mike Bodnar, Dean, Business Technologies