SUMMARY OF RECENT ACTION

The Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI) is required to inform the public about its accreditation decisions. One of the ways AABI does this is to provide the public with information about the accreditation decision process, the nature and scope of AABI accreditation activity and the importance and value of accreditation. AABI also provides the public with detailed descriptions of its accreditation policies and procedures by publishing its Accreditation Criteria Manual (Form 201) and Policies & Procedures Manual (Form 225), along with all the AABI forms, on its website: http://www.aabi.aero/forms.html (Paragraph 12[B] [5], 2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures).

Reaffirmation: Delta State University

The Board action was to defer reaffirmation. The Board accepted the institution’s response to Recommendations 1 and 6, and combined Recommendations 9-11 into new Recommendation 9. An interim report is required, due January 6, 2021, to provide evidence and documentation cited below, for Recommendations 2-5 and 7-9, specifically:

2. Demonstrate that graduates can satisfy general core and program outcomes (AABI Criterion 3.3).

Provide evidence that graduates can satisfy general core and program outcomes.

3. Provide sufficient faculty to achieve program goals (AABI Criterion 3.5.1).

Provide evidence of sufficient faculty to achieve program goals.

4. Maintain an appropriate mix of full-time and adjunct faculty (AABI Criteria 3.5.1 and 3.5.3).

Provide evidence of an appropriate mix of full-time and adjunct faculty. The interim report should provide evidence of the institution’s policy related to use of adjunct faculty and the ratio of adjunct faculty to full-time faculty, workload policies, and how the aviation program meets these institutional requirements.

5. Develop a fleet replacement plan to ensure continuous improvement (AABI Criterion 3.6.8).

Provide evidence of a fleet replacement plan to ensure continuous improvement.

7. Operationalize SMS key components to establish a safety culture (AABI Criterion 3.8.1).

Provide evidence of completion and implementation of a safety program that incorporates SMS principles.

8. Provide evidence of industry input to support continuous improvement of curriculum, facilities, and educational goals (AABI Criterion 3.9.1).

Provide evidence of industry input to support continuous improvement of curriculum, facilities, and educational goals (AABI Criterion 3.9.1). The report should specifically reference the plans cited in the response to Recommendation 8, with clear evidence of their implementation, and analysis of their effectiveness.

9. Develop a comprehensive assessment plan for the following areas: students, curriculum, faculty and staff, facilities, equipment and services, aviation safety culture and programs, and relations with industry (AABI Criterion 3.10.1).

Provide evidence of development and implementation of a comprehensive assessment plan and process that includes specific goals, for students, curriculum, faculty and staff, facilities, equipment and services, aviation safety culture and programs, and relations with industry. In addition, the interim report must provide evidence of the establishment of goals for each of these areas (AABI Criteria 3.10.1, 3.10.2, 3.1.2, 3.4.2, 3.5.10, 3.6.8, 3.8.2, and 3.9.2).