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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> (Standard 2.A., October 4, 2021, *CHEA Standards and Procedures for Recognition*).

Reaffirmation:

Auburn University

The Board action was to reaffirm accreditation of the following programs for a period of five years:

- B.S. Aviation Management (AABI Aviation Management)
- B.S. Aviation–Professional Flight (AABI Flight Education)

An interim report is required, due by June 6, 2024, which provides the evidence specified below for Recommendation 7:

Recommendation 7: Develop a School of Aviation safety program that includes components of all four pillars of SMS. (Criterion 3.8.1).

Report on the progress and implementation of the new safety program that identifies Auburn’s accountable executive and encompasses all four pillars of the Safety Management System (SMS) as outlined by the FAA.

An additional interim report is required, due January 6, 2025, to provide the information and evidence outlined below for Recommendations 1-6 and 8:

Recommendation 1: Establish a review process for assessing program education goals (Criterion 3.2.3).

Provide evidence of the establishment and implementation of the review process for assessing program education goals.

Recommendation 2: Develop more tenure-track/full-time faculty positions to be consistent with other areas of the university (Criterion 3.5.5).

Provide evidence of progress toward justification and funding sources for additional tenure-track faculty positions aligned with current and future undergraduate and graduate programs. The interim report should document how the number of faculty positions for the aviation programs is sufficient as determined by student enrollment and the expected outcomes of the program.

Recommendation 3: Increase program airport facility space to match student needs (Criterion 3.6.1).

Report on progress toward funding and planning for Phase II of the Aviation Education Building and separate academic and administration buildings.

Recommendation 4: Assess available Aviation facility resources in regard to program growth/size and ensure continuous improvement (Criterion 3.6.8).

Report on the assessment of aviation facility and equipment resource requirements, to adequately address program growth and ensure continuous improvement.

Recommendation 5: Assess available and needed airspace and air traffic control services in regard to program size, activity, and growth to ensure continuous improvement, quality, mission, and goals (Criterion 3.6.8).

Report on the status and findings of the review to limit the number of students enrolled in the Professional Flight degree program, and the status of the planned air traffic control tower at Auburn University Regional Airport.

Recommendation 6: Develop a plan to match institutional support to recent program growth and future size goals (Criterion 3.7).

Report on the progress and implementation of the strategic plan in matching institutional support to recent program growth and future size goals.

Recommendation 8: Ensure the assessment plan is clearly being used for continuous improvement (Criterion 3.10.2).

Provide evidence that the assessment plan is being used for continuous improvement.