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## Aviation Accreditation Board International February 23, 2024

### 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:

#### **Bridgewater State 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 Science – Flight Training (AABI Flight Education)

The Board accepted the institution's response to Recommendation 1. An interim report is required, due by January 6, 2025, which provides the evidence specified below for Recommendations 2-4.

#### **Recommendation 2: Hire faculty (full-time or adjunct) to bring the teaching load of faculty to the campus standard of 12 credits per semester (Criterion 3.5.4).**

Provide evidence of progress in bringing the teaching load of faculty to the campus standard of 12 credits per semester.

#### **Recommendation 3: Continue efforts to hire additional CFIs to retain Flight Training students (Criterion 3.5.7).**

Provide evidence of progress toward efforts to hire additional CFIs to retain Flight Training students.

#### **Recommendation 4: Careful consideration must be given to assure there is an adequate number of aircraft available for students to complete the program in a reasonable period of time. If acquiring additional aircraft is not feasible, the program should consider limiting the number of admitted students each year (Criterion 3.6.2).**

Provide evidence of progress on Recommendation 4, to assure there is an adequate number of aircraft available for students to complete the program in a reasonable period of time.

An additional interim report is required, due June 6, 2024, which provides evidence specified below for Recommendations 5 and 6:

#### **Recommendation 5: To foster an effective safety culture, the institution MUST have and use a verifiable formal aviation safety program that involves students, faculty, and staff for operations involving flight, maintenance, avionics, and other aviation laboratories (Criterion 3.8.1).**

Provide evidence that the Safety Program is being used in compliance with the BSU Safety Plan, including evidence of faculty, staff, students, and maintenance personnel participation in the safety program. Be advised that failure to provide documented evidence of the safety program's use may result in loss of accreditation for the flight program.

#### **Recommendation 6: The assessment plan, process, and implementation MUST include documentation on how assessment results are used to improve program effectiveness for each of the required areas (Criterion 3.10.2: 4).**

Provide documentation that assessment results are being used to improve program effectiveness for each of the required areas (Criterion 3.10.2: 4). Be advised that failure to provide documented evidence that assessment is being conducted and the results of that assessment are being actively used to effect continuous improvement, will result in loss of accreditation.