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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:

Southern Illinois University Carbondale

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

A.S. Aviation Flight (AABI Flight Education)

The Board accepted the institution's responses to Recommendations 1, 2, 6, 11, and 12. An interim report is required, due by January 6, 2025, which provides the evidence specified below for Recommendations 3-5 and 7-10:

Recommendation 3: The program must establish a system to capture and produce records reflecting the employment or continuing education experience of students graduating from the program (Criterion 2.1.1.f).

Provide an update of progress in establishing the more structured system that uses shared technological tools, to capture and produce records reflecting the employment or continuing education experience of students graduating from the program.

Recommendation 4: Salaries and working conditions for aviation faculty and staff must be consistent with those offered to other faculty members of the institution in comparable disciplines (Criterion 2.5.6).

Provide an update on progress toward ensuring that salaries for aviation faculty are consistent with those offered to other faculty of the institution in comparable disciplines.

Recommendation 5: The administration must provide for an adequate number and quality of instructional and support staff; in particular appropriate maintenance and administrative personnel to conduct the flight program are required (Criterion 2.5.7).

Provide an update on progress toward filling the positions stated in the institution's response, to ensure an adequate number and quality of instructional and support staff for the flight program.

Recommendation 7: Establish and assess clear and measurable faculty and staff goals to ensure continuous improvement of the quality, performance and professional development of faculty and staff (Criterion 2.5.10).

Provide evidence that the institution has established and is assessing clear and measurable faculty and staff goals to ensure continuous improvement of the quality, performance, and professional development of faculty and staff.

Recommendation 8: Hire additional aircraft maintenance staff to ensure adequate aircraft availability (Criterion 2.5.7).

Provide evidence of success in hiring additional aircraft maintenance staff to ensure adequate aircraft availability.

Recommendation 9: Increase resources to attract support personnel levels (i.e., maintenance) adequate to meet program needs. Serious consideration needs to be placed on the salary of the aircraft maintenance staff to align with industry standards, to recruit and retain qualified personnel to maintain the needed aircraft (Criterion 2.7).

Provide evidence of increased resources to attract support personnel levels (i.e., maintenance) adequate to meet program needs.

Recommendation 10: Document and follow a formal process for the Industry Advisory Board to help SIU improve the program (Criterion 2.9.1).

Provide evidence of a more clear and formal structure for the Industry Advisory Board, to help SIU improve the program.