

MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Roger Hartley, Chair
Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation
Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration

DATE: July 14, 2023

SUBJECT: NASPAA Accreditation Review

On behalf of the Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation (COPRA), I am pleased to inform you that the Commission found your Master of Public Administration program to be in substantial conformity with NASPAA Standards, subject to the monitoring provisions outlined in the enclosed report. Your program is accredited through August 31, 2030, and will be included on the Annual Roster of Accredited Programs.

Please accept the Commission's congratulations on the accreditation of your program. By pursuing and achieving accreditation through a rigorous peer review, your program has demonstrated a substantial commitment to quality public service education. You are part of the global community of over 200 accredited graduate programs in public service.

Your program is in substantial conformance with the NASPAA Standards. However, the Commission concluded that questions remain about the following Standard:

- Standard 3.2

Accordingly, COPRA plans to monitor your continued progress annually on these specific standards. The Commission asks that you report your progress on this particular standard each year in your annual accreditation maintenance report. We look forward to receiving your 2022-2023 annual accreditation maintenance report by **November 1, 2023**.

If you have any questions about this decision or NASPAA's accreditation process, I would be happy to answer any questions you have about this decision via email at rhartley@ubalt.edu. Questions about this year's annual report should be directed to copra@naspaa.org.

Warmly,



Roger E. Hartley, Chair
Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation