

Dean's Response to School of Accounting & Taxation Program Review

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The School of Accounting & Taxation (SAT) underwent an in-depth program review as part of the Goddard School's Maintenance of Accreditation review cycle during Fall 2012. SAT provided a detailed report to AACSB, after which two accounting chairpersons from AACSB-accredited institutions visited the WSU campus for three days in October 2012. The review team recommended to AACSB that reaccreditation be delayed for a year (this is termed "6-year review"), conditional on SAT meeting two criteria. The SAT chair's response provides the specific language and summarizes the department's responses to date.

As required, two tenure-track faculty and one instructor have already been hired for Fall 2013. Another tenure-track offer is being made today. The two tenure-track hires meet one of the two conditions stipulated by AACSB.

The second requirement was to generate additional peer-reviewed journal (PRJ) articles from the non-tax faculty in SAT. Two additional publications have already occurred, and several accounting faculty have papers under review at present. It is likely that two or more of those manuscripts will be accepted before Fall 2013, when the progress report to AACSB is due.

Looking forward, the SAT should continue periodic curriculum review, ensure that faculty research pipelines remain full, and work to mentor the four new hires so that they become the outstanding teachers, successful researchers, and solid university citizens for which SAT is known.