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Dr. Jennifer Adkins
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Dear Dr. Adkins:

The Associate Degree Board of Commissioners met on April 24-25, and reviewed your Quality Assurance Report. After review, the board voted to accept your report removing the Condition on Overview Item 09 and the Note on Standard 6 and maintain the Notes on Standards 3 and 5.

Progress on Notes must be reported in future Quality Assurance Reports.

Maintain the Note on Standard 3 – Two of the three sample assessments provided in Table 1 were copied from the prior QA Report submitted on 4/16/15 with no updated data, so the most recent data for these assessments was collected in Spring 2014. As the CCSSE is administered each 3 years and the 2017 data was not yet available, two other sample assessments should have been provided. We look forward to recent data in the next QA Report using the most current Excel tables which are available in Campus Labs in the Evidence File under "ACBSP Documents".

Stakeholder results are not specific to the business unit. In your next QA Report, we look forward to seeing current data for the business unit.

Maintain the Note on Standard 5 – Three sample assessments were provided in Table 3a. The first assessment was copied from the prior QA Report submitted on 4/16/15 with no updated data so the most recent data is from 2011. The second sample assessment had just two data points (Fall 2015 & Spring 2017) and the third sample assessment had just one data point (Fall 2016). Therefore, Table 3a does not show evidence that the business unit is using trend data to improve faculty and staff focus.

Additionally, the faculty table indicates that the business unit considers a faculty member with an associate degree to be professionally qualified. To be professionally qualified, a bachelor's degree in the teaching area is required along with two additional qualifications.

A status report on the notes will be due 2/15/2019 and your next full Quality Assurance Report will be due **2/15/2021**, and your reaffirmation of accreditation is scheduled for **2023**. You are encouraged to contact one of the commissioners with questions. Commissioner Gary Mrozinski may be contacted at (570) 740-0538 or by e-mail at gmrozinski@luzerne.edu. You may also contact Diana Hallerud, Associate Director of Accreditation, at 913-339-9356 or by e-mail at dianahallerud@acbsp.org.

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ACBSP is looking forward to our continued relationship with North Central State College. Thank you for providing quality business programs for your students. We are happy to have you as one of our valued members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Parscale". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steve" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Parscale".

Steve Parscale, Ph.D.
Chief Accreditation Officer

Cc: Mr. Lynn Jones, Assistant Dean – Business Industry & Technology
Dr. Gary Mrozinski, Associate Degree Board of Commissioners