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Boston University Metropolitan College Awarded EPAS Accreditation

*Metropolitan College receives internationally recognized EPAS accreditation for
Department of Administrative Sciences business programs.*

Boston, Mass.—March 1, 2012: After a rigorous review process, the graduate management programs in Boston University’s Metropolitan College (MET) were approved for accreditation by the European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD) Program Accreditation System (EPAS). This follows on the heels of Metropolitan College’s May 2010 approval for full membership in EFMD.

Based in Brussels, Belgium, EFMD is an international membership organization with a mission to promote and enhance excellence in management development in Europe and worldwide. The organization is recognized globally as an accreditation body of quality in management education. Of the 55 schools currently holding EPAS accreditation, Metropolitan College is one of only two in the U.S., and is among the select few non-business schools to be approved. As a full member of EFMD, the College is in the company of more than 750 other member organizations from academia, business, public service and consultancy in 81 countries.

“The EFMD has accredited only a few universities in the United States—their recognition is a true mark of distinction,” says Metropolitan College Chair of Administrative Sciences and Associate Professor Kip Becker. “We are proud to have earned the EPAS accreditation. It makes a statement about the global vision of the Administrative Sciences department and stands as a testimony to the high standards we set for our faculty and students—one of the important reasons students choose our program over others.”

The EPAS accreditation signifies a unified standard of quality among the diverse approaches to management education and development that exist around the world—and provides valuable, international market recognition of Boston University’s Administrative Sciences programs. The EPAS-accredited programs include the Master of Science in Administrative Studies concentrations (Economic

Development & Tourism Management; Electronic Commerce, Systems & Technology; Financial Economics; Innovation & Technology; and Multinational Commerce) as well as the online master's degree programs in Banking & Financial Services Management; Business Continuity, Security & Risk Management; Insurance Management; International Marketing Management; and Project Management.

“EPAS accreditation is wonderful recognition of Metropolitan College’s accomplishments in management education—which, in turn, will encourage even more program development and academic partnerships with other fine institutions globally,” notes Metropolitan College Dean Jay Halfond. “As management education has exploded worldwide, our success comes from differentiating and distinguishing ourselves by who we teach, how we teach, and what we teach—all under the leadership of accomplished, well-rounded, innovative scholars. Whether on campus or online through distance learning, we are proud of our unique blend of mission, talent, and focus that underscores all we do. This accreditation is a chance to celebrate and proclaim that excellence, as we look forward to the next phase in our development.”

In order to receive EPAS accreditation, a program must meet a number of stringent requirements. Considerations include a program’s market positioning nationally and internationally; its strategic position within the greater institution; institutional resources available; faculty qualifications; objectives and intended learning outcomes; curriculum content; the extent of its international focus; the balance between academic and managerial dimensions; the delivery system, including the quality of teaching; and the quality of the student body and alumni, among other standards of measure.

The Administrative Sciences department boasts a cadre of full-time faculty who reflect the values, quality, and prestige demanded by a world-renowned institution such as Boston University. Coming from seven nations, they have outstanding academic credentials, excellent teaching abilities, highly recognized publishing records, and the strength of their prior corporate experience. Students in the programs come from over thirty countries, their diverse backgrounds and global perspectives enhancing the multicultural environment of classes on the Boston campus or online. The department fosters rewarding relationships with academic partners throughout the world, providing students with unique opportunities to attend value-added online classes with peers from Europe, the Middle East, Latin America, and Asia. The department also offers intensive classes abroad, combining corporate visits and

academic lectures, as typified by *Doing Business in and with India*—a course held in collaboration with Infosys and hosted on-site at their corporate headquarters in Bangalore and Mysore, India.

About Boston University Metropolitan College

Founded in 1839, Boston University is an internationally recognized private research university with more than 30,000 students participating in undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. BU consists of 16 schools and colleges, along with a number of multidisciplinary centers and institutes which are central to the school's research and teaching mission.

As one of the University's colleges, Metropolitan College (MET) demonstrates excellence in teaching and research, with over sixty undergraduate and graduate degree and certificate programs, offered full-time and part-time in evening, online, and blended formats. For more information, visit **bu.edu/met**.

Department of Administrative Sciences

The College's Administrative Sciences department responds to the educational needs of a diverse student body by designing and providing practically focused and intellectually challenging academic programs. The department's mission is to produce students who are critical thinkers—broad in perspective, international in attitude, competent in communications, and skilled in the tools necessary to compete in their selected specializations.

About EFMD

The European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD) is recognized globally as an accreditation body of quality in management education, and has established accreditation services for business schools worldwide. Based in Brussels, Belgium, EFMD provides a unique forum for information, research, networking, and debate on innovation and best practice in management development.

EPAS Accreditation

EPAS is an international program accreditation system operated by EFMD. It aims to evaluate the quality of any business and/or management program that has an international perspective and, where of an appropriately high quality, to accredit it.

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