

CAPPA ACCREDITATION BOARD

Fifth Annual Report

September 1, 2010 – August 31, 2011

The Accreditation Board's membership in 2010-11 was:

Ian Clark (Chair, three-year term to December 31, 2012)

Luc Bernier (two-year term December 31, 2011)

John Langford (two-year term to December 31, 2011)

Peter Aucoin (two-year term to December 31, 2011)

Nancy Olewiler (two-year term to December 31, 2011)

Meetings

The Board met once in 2010-12, via teleconference on March 2, 2010. The minutes of the meeting are attached. The meeting discussed the composition of the Review Committee for the accreditation review of the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy planned for later in the year, and of the various exercises analyzing the academic and professional content of Canadian Masters programs in public policy and public administration.

Schools/Review Schedule

During the year, plans focused on the forthcoming review of the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy. Discussions continued with other schools but no additional school was scheduled.

Expenses and Revenues (September 1, 2010 – August 31, 2011)

Please consult the CAPPA annual financial report, since the Accreditation Board's financial transactions (e.g., receipt of accreditation fee, payment of expenses for site visits) were managed through CAPPA.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board, September, 2012

Ian D. Clark

CAPPA Accreditation Board

Teleconference Meeting
3 pm to 4 pm Eastern Standard Time, March 2, 2011

MINUTES

In attendance

Accreditation Board Members: Luc Bernier, Ian Clark (Chair), John Langford, Nancy Olewiler

Others Present: Daniel Oettl (Secretary)

The Chair noted that Peter Aucoin sent his regrets as he was unable to attend the meeting for health reasons.

Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of February 19, 2010

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2. Update on CAPPA-TBS Professional Competencies project

The Chair briefed members on the project, co-sponsored by CAPPA and the Chief Human Resources Officer at Treasury Board Canada, to review the professional competencies expected of Masters-level recruits to the federal government in policy-related positions. The kick-off meeting for this project, co-chaired by Ian Clark (CAPPA) and Daphne Meredith (TBS) was held in Ottawa on May 4, 2010. A follow-up teleconference meeting of CAPPA directors, TBS and the Canada School of Public Service is scheduled for 2:00 to 3:30 pm EST on February 24, 2011 to discuss this project and plans for a potential CSPA/University Symposium in 2011. This project is described in more detail in the paper referenced in the next agenda item.

3. Update on CAPPA Academic and Professional Content Review (Clark-Pal paper)

The Chair described the recent additions to the rolling draft of the paper, entitled "Academic Respectability Meets Professional Utility: Canadian MPA/MPP Programs and Professional Competencies," including the results to date of the work on the CAPPA-TBS Professional Competencies project.

He noted that the curriculum content of Canadian programs of public policy and public administration can be organized using the following set of "generic subjects" listed in Exhibit 7 in the paper:

Exhibit 7: Generic Subjects

Tools and Skills	Governance Context	Governance Functions	Policy Sectors
Policy Analysis Theory and Techniques	Democratic Institutions	Regulation and Compliance	Macroeconomics
Economic Analysis of Public Policy	Public Management and Process	Evaluation and Performance Measurement	International Development
Quantitative Methods	Social and Political Context	Accountability, Oversight and Audit	Cities and Urban Policy
Implementation Strategy and Design	International and Global Context	Budgeting and Accounting	Aboriginal Peoples and Policy
Collaboration and Leadership	Ethics of Public Management	Information Management and Technology	Health Economics and Policy
Communication and Presentation	Organization Behaviour	Human Resources Management	Environment and Climate
Research and Data Analysis	Advocacy and Civil Society		Policy for Children
			Higher Education Policy
			Natural Resources
			Regional and Community Development

4. Accreditation Review for Johnson-Shoyama

The Board discussed potential candidates for the Accreditation Committee for the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy. It was decided to improve the age and gender balance of the selection potential pool by approaching faculty members at the Associate Professor level. One Board member undertook to do this and it was agreed to finalize the Review Committee for Johnson-Shoyama in the coming weeks by e-mail, or by another teleconference call if that proved necessary.

It was also agreed that the Accreditation Committee for Johnson-Shoyama would be provided with a copy of the Clark-Pal paper describing the curriculum content of programs in other schools.

5. Future Accreditation Reviews

A brief discussion was held on the state of discussions with the institutions that were logical candidates for accreditation reviews following Johnson-Shoyama. It was noted again that, from an institution's perspective, the most attractive time for a CAPPa review would be when the institution had another review scheduled to comply with university or provincial policy.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4 pm, March 2, 2011.

Ian Clark
Chair

Daniel Oettl
Secretary