

Accreditation Board Decision

Dalhousie University School of Public Administration

Master of Public Administration (MPA) and Master of Public Administration (MPA-M) Programs

On May 22, 2017 the Associate Director confirmed that the School of Public Administration intended to seek accreditation from CAPPa for its MPA and MPA-M programs. Over the succeeding months the Board agreed upon an assessment committee and the Board Chair outlined a schedule for the preparation of self-study documents and for an in-person visit by the committee. Self-study documents were submitted on January 30, 2018 and the assessment visited Dalhousie from February 28, 2018 to March 1, 2018.

The assessment committee consisted of:

- Susan Phillips, Professor, School of Public Policy and Administration, Carleton University, Ottawa
- Patrice Dutil, Professor, Department of Politics and Public Administration, Ryerson University, Toronto, and
- Howard Windsor, former Public Servant, Province of Nova Scotia

Their report was received by the Board Chair on March 14, 2018. The Board considered the assessment committee report, noting that the committee had a number of recommendations regarding how the program might be improved to better meet the student competencies. It also noted the committee's concerns regarding the availability of sufficient resources to sustain the program's high level of performance.

The assessment committee recommended, unanimously, that the MPA and MPA-M programs be granted accreditation and on March 22 the Board met and agreed unanimously to approve accreditation for a seven year period.