July 20, 2015

**Statement of Position**

On July 16, 2015 in the presence of the Nonprofit Academic Centers Council membership and conference participants, the NACC Board resolved the following:

“The NACC board has agreed to explore and develop over the next two years an accreditation/certification process to be applied globally for nonprofit and philanthropic academic programs.”

The resolution was approved unanimously by the board members present and then further approved via txt message to a travelling board member. The resolution was subsequently approved as 100% unanimous.

The scope of the accreditation process would serve to establish standards for stand-alone nonprofit and philanthropy first academic programs at undergraduate, graduate and doctorate levels; undergraduate concentrations in interdisciplinary and cross-sector academic host degree programs; concentrations in interdisciplinary and cross-sector academic host graduate level programs; academic credit-bearing certificate programs.

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