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Subject: DPM Program at UAA

Dear Dr. Ra,

Thank you for submitting your proposal for a new professional doctoral degree, Doctor of Project Management (DPM), for review by the GAC Board. Although it is the GAC mission to assist schools in the development of their project management programs, there is a possible conflict with the evaluation of a project management program before it has applied to be GAC accredited.

That being said, the GAC Board understands that it is often necessary to provide proof of the need as well as the necessity of a new program before it can be approved. To that end, this letter identifies several needs that a Doctor of Project Management Degree Program would address in academia as well as in the workplace.

The future of project management education demands the development of doctorate programs in project management. In an effort to measure the need for project management education, the Project Management Institute (PMI) commissioned several surveys with industry survey groups as well as researching data released by various government and industry organizations. All of the data that has been gathered points to the tremendous supply/demand gap in trained professionals who practice in the field of project management. More and more industries are “projectized” and project management is used to support both the strategic and the operational activities of organizations. One telling statistic is that 20% of gross global product — \$12 trillion per year — is spent on fixed capital projects worldwide (Managing Capital Projects for Competitive Adversity – McKinsey Quarterly June 2008). Trillions more is spent in projects for IT, new product and service development, entertainment/IP, NGOs – these numbers are not included in the GDP.

Details regarding these surveys and studies are found in a white paper released by PMI that is available for download at the following URL:

http://pmiteach.org/your-free-downloads/PMI_GAP_Whitepaper_final.pdf

The GAC Standards of Accreditation specifically address doctorate degree qualifications, and several universities around the world already have their doctorate programs in project management GAC accredited. Your administration may wish to contact representatives from these GAC accredited programs to gauge their success in offering this type of degree. ESC Lille, in France, RMIT and UTS in Australia and the University of Maryland in the United States are just a few examples of universities who offer doctorates in project management. If you have an interest in contacting these schools to learn more about their programs I would be happy to send you the contact information.

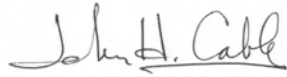
Finally, there is an acute shortage of individuals with doctorates who teach project management at the university level. Again, this degree would meet that need.

In conclusion, the GAC Board supports the concept and offering of a Doctor of Project Management Degree by the University of Alaska, Anchorage, Engineering, Science & Project Management (ESPM)

Graduate Department. I hope that this letter will assist in the decision process by the university to adopt this DPM degree into its offerings.

Thank you for asking the GAC Board to consider this proposal, and please feel free to contact the GAC if we can be of assistance to you or your institution.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John H. Cable". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

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