



Executive Summary

Renewal of Licensure

Canadian University Dubai

June 4-5, 2017

A Re-Licensure Review Team (RLRT) visited Canadian University Dubai (CUD) on 4-5 June 2017.

Founded in 2005 through a cooperative agreement with Centennial College, Ontario, Canada and Dubai-based Binhendy Enterprises, CUD has a long held commitment to bringing Canadian style education to the UAE. It is a private institution, labelled “independent and autonomous” in its By-Laws. The Emirates Investment and Development Company (EMIVEST) is the holding company and is responsible for financing all CUD operations. Initial Licensure through the CAA and the then-Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research was granted in 2007. The University was re-licensed in 2012.

In the Spring of 2016, CUD enrolled a total of 2428 students. Nearly 58% of the students are male, although there are more women in the graduate programs than men. Ninety-six different nationalities are represented in the student body. The Spring 2016 enrollment represents a decline from peak institutional enrollment in the Fall of 2015 (2654 students). The largest single program area is that of business administration (over 40% of the students). The University offers two Diploma programs, 19 Bachelor’s degrees and six Master’s programs. There is an English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program for those students needing additional language skills.

CUD employs a total of 122 faculty, with 77% of those being full-time. About one-quarter of the faculty are nationals of Canada, and 80% hold degrees from Western institutions. There are significant numbers of faculty from Jordan, Egypt, Syria and the UK.

Canadian University Dubai has submitted an appropriate Application for Re-Licensure. The *Self-Study* is generally comprehensive in its treatment of the *Standards*; a few exceptions are noted in the preceding sections. The RLRT found much to admire during its visit including CUD's diverse portfolio of programs; its articulate and confident students; first-rate technology infrastructure and facilities; comprehensive program of institutional research; strong financial position; and the prospects for cooperative partnerships with institutions in Canada. Notably, the *Self-Study* includes a number of sections of reflective analysis which demonstrate the commitment of CUD to continuous improvement, which is at the heart of the Re-Licensure

process.

There are number of Requirements which must be addressed; CUD is strongly encouraged to address the Suggestions. The RLRT is confident that CUD will be able to successfully do so and qualify for Renewal of Licensure.

The RLRT makes its Requirements and offers its Suggestions in a spirit of constructive engagement, with the aim of ensuring that the Standards are met, and to aid CUD in making necessary improvements to receive Renewal of Licensure.