(Translation)



Certification no. 138 2003-2004

I, Luis M. Villaronga, Executive Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the University of Puerto Rico, CERTIFY THAT:

The Board of Trustees, at its regular meeting on Saturday, June 26, 2004, (Dr. Gloria Butrón Castelli, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, was not present for the discussion of this matter), in accordance with the provisions of the General Regulations of the University of Puerto Rico, and with the endorsement of the President of the University of Puerto Rico, adopted the:

INSTITUTIONAL POLICY ON ACCREDITATION OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO

Whereas:	The University of Puerto Rico is committed with a culture of assessing its academic programs and specialized services it provides;
Whereas:	The academic community, both nationally and internationally, has adopted accreditation procedures to allow for external peer review of academic programs and services and, in so doing, raise and strengthen the quality of such programs and services;
Whereas:	
	This institution has traditionally sought the accreditation of its programs and services offered, when subject to accreditation, and this tradition has strengthened the programs, boosted the reputation of the University, and broadened the academic and professional possibilities of its alumni.
	The Board of Trustees resolves:
Wherefore:	l. That it is the institutional policy of the University of Puerto Rico to maintain the accreditation of currently accredited academic programs and promote the meritorious accreditation of eligible academic programs and services; and



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2. The President of the University of Puerto Rico, together with the chancellors, shall develop a plan and a schedule to achieve the institutional policy goal provided herein and shall report to the Board of Trustees on its progress.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I issue the present certification, in San Juan,

Puerto Rico, this 6th day of July 2004.



Luis M. Villaronga

Executive Secretary