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The purpose of this chapter is to measure Youngstown State University against the federal requirements identified in the Commission's new or amended policies. The following five sections identify the new or amended policies and provide YSU's current status with regard to the policies.

### **I.C.9—Credits, Program Length, and Tuition**

Youngstown State University is currently on a quarter system, and all academic courses offered by the University use quarter credit hours as the basic unit for measuring learning experiences. The length of each YSU program has been approved by the Ohio Board of Regents as consistent with standards for higher education elsewhere in the state and nationwide.

Recruiting materials distributed to prospective students provide useful and accurate information about tuition and fees. These materials include a booklet titled *Scholarships and Financial Aid*; the *Undergraduate Bulletin*, 1997–98 (pp. 68–72); the *Graduate Bulletin*, 1997–98 (pp. 29–34); and the quarterly schedules of classes.

The Executive M.B.A. Program offered through YSU's School of Graduate Studies is the only program that charges program-specific tuition. Cost for the 1997 Executive M.B.A. Program is \$17,000, which is justified because, in addition to instructional and general fees, it includes

- parking;
- books and course materials;
- use of a notebook computer and software;
- group luncheons and refreshment breaks on class days;
- professional-development speaker events;
- Residency Week lodging and meals;
- international trip expenses—air, lodging, some meals; and
- special events.

### **I.A.5—Institutional Compliance with the Higher Education Reauthorization Act (Title IV)**

Documents relevant to Title IV compliance are located in the resource room. YSU's fiscal-year 1994 official default rate as reported by the U.S. Department of Education was 6.5%. The national default rate at four-year public institutions was 6.8%.

### **IV.B.2—Listing the Commission's Address and Telephone Number**

The 1997–98 *Undergraduate* and *Graduate Bulletins* publicize affiliation with the North Central Association and include the Association's address and telephone number.

As publicity materials are reviewed before revising or reprinting, a decision is made about whether to add the Association's address and telephone number or to delete the reference to the accreditation.

### **III.A.1—Review of Actions of Professional Accrediting Agencies**

The professional accreditations held by YSU are listed in the 1997–98 *Undergraduate Bulletin* (p. 5). In addition, the College of Business Administration is a candidate for accreditation by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business. The new Department of Physical Therapy has been granted candidacy for accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.

The most recent reports from professional agencies providing accreditation to YSU's specialized programs are located in the resource room. Review of the reports will show that no professional accreditation body has taken adverse action against any of YSU's specialized programs.

### **III.A.3—Review of Actions Related to Other Accrediting Agencies**

YSU does not hold institutional affiliation with any institutional accrediting body other than the North Central Association.