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Dear Dr. Horváth,

It is my great pleasure to inform you that, during its meeting on 6 June 2017, the EQUIS Accreditation Board voted to confer the EQUIS Accreditation label upon Schulich School of Business at York University for a further period of five years.

The Accreditation Board was impressed with the significant progress made since the School was last accredited by EQUIS in 2012 and the seriousness with which it has addressed its "Development Objectives". All the staff of the School should be congratulated on this result.

The Accreditation Board took particular note of the quality of the School as reflected in its strong leadership, significant degree of autonomy, long standing global orientation and international outreach, entrepreneurial and innovative character, and excellent corporate connections and alumni network.

The Accreditation Board encourages you to consider the suggestions for further improvement made in Section 2.1 of the Peer Review Report in formulating your three Development Objectives for the next 5 years, a critical period in the School's development as it undergoes the process of leadership succession.

I am enclosing a hard copy of the Peer Review Report as it was submitted to the Accreditation Board, as well as some Post-Accreditation Guidelines to be taken into account.

On behalf of the EFMD and the EQUIS team, I should like to congratulate you on this achievement and wish you every success in your plans for the future development of your School. The formal accreditation certificate will be mailed to you in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely

David M. Saunders PhD  
Chairman  
EQUIS Accreditation Board

**Enclosures**



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### **Post-Accreditation Guidelines:**

#### **Follow-up process after accreditation for 5 years:**

Schools that are EQUIS accredited for a period of 5 years should agree with the EQUIS Office on three strategic development objectives for continued improvement. The School selects these major objectives and submits them to the EQUIS Director within one month of the EQUIS Accreditation Board meeting. The Accreditation Board Members encourage the School to link its choice of objectives to the key issues discussed during the Peer Review and spelled out in the Peer Review Report. The process then requires that the School sends a short interim progress report (10-15 pages) to the EQUIS Office 2,5 years after the date of the current Accreditation Board decision. In addition, the School must go through a full re-accreditation process before the end of Year 5.

#### **Follow-up process after accreditation for 3 years:**

Schools that are EQUIS accredited for a period of 3 years are requested to file a 5-10 pages annual update report on progress made in the Areas of Required Improvement indicated by the Accreditation Board. The reports are due immediately before the end of Year 1 and Year 2 (at the date of the accreditation by the EQUIS Accreditation Board). In addition, the School must go through a full re-accreditation process before the end of Year 3.

#### **EQUIS Publicity Policy (enclosure):**

Guidelines on the use of the EQUIS logo and the way public reference can be made to EQUIS accreditation.

#### **EQUIS Policy on Institutional Change and Restructuring (enclosure):**

Major changes may take place within a school during the accreditation period. These may have an effect on the institutional scope and the quality of the School. This Policy provides an opportunity for assessing how to act prudently with respect to the EQUIS Accreditation of the School. The EQUIS accredited School must inform the EQUIS Office of any significant restructuring.