



THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION  
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Honorable Mick Mulvaney  
Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
725 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Mulvaney:

At its June 20-22, 2017, meeting, the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (Advisory Committee) recommended that Air University be authorized to award a Master of Science in Air Power Strategy and Technology Integration to students on successful completion of the program, and that students who were previously and are currently enrolled in the program be eligible to receive degrees for successful completion of the program. I concur with the recommendations.

In March 2017, members of the Advisory Committee and U.S. Department of Education staff conducted an on-site review of Air University's Master of Science in Air Power Strategy and Technology Integration program at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama. Based on its on-site observations and evaluation of program materials, the review team determined that the program met all the criteria outlined in the "Federal Policy Governing the Granting of Academic Degrees by Federal Agencies and Institutions" (approved by a letter, dated December 23, 1954, from the Director, Bureau of the Budget, to the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare).

The review team's report at the June 2017 meeting resulted in the Advisory Committee's unanimous recommendation that approval be granted for Air University to award the Master of Science in Air Power Strategy and Technology Integration to students on successful completion of the program, and that students who were previously and are currently enrolled in the program be eligible to receive degrees for successful completion of the program.

Air University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, which is an appropriate civilian academic accrediting agency to accredit the institution.

I concur with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee and am notifying the Commander of Air University, Lieutenant General Steven L. Kwast. This letter constitutes my formal recommendation to the Office of Management and Budget that Air University be approved to award the Master of Science in Air Power Strategy and Technology Integration to

students on successful completion of the program, and that students that were previously and are currently enrolled in the program be eligible to receive degrees for successful completion of the program.

Sincerely,



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