U.S. Department of Education

Staff Report

to the

Senior Department Official

on

Recognition Compliance Issues

Recommendation Page

1. **Agency:** Air University

2. **Action Item:** Degree Granting Report

3. **Current Scope of Recognition:**

4. **Date of Advisory Committee Meeting:** June 20, 2017

5. **Staff Recommendation:** Approve the Degree Granting Authority of the New Master of Science in Airpower Strategy and Technology Integration degree.

6. **Issues or Problems:** None

Executive Summary

**Part I: General Information About The Agency**

Air University (AU) provides the full spectrum of Air Force education, from pre-commissioning to the highest levels of professional military education, including degree granting and professional continuing education for officers, enlisted and civilian personnel throughout their careers. AU’s PME programs educate Airmen on the capabilities of air and space power and its role in national security. These programs focus on the knowledge and abilities needed to develop, employ, command, and support air, space and cyberspace power at the highest levels. Specialized professional continuing educational programs provide scientific, technological, managerial and other professional expertise to meet the needs of the Air Force. AU conducts research in air, space and cyberspace power, education, leadership and management. AU also provides citizenship programs and contributes to the development and testing of Air Force doctrine, concepts and strategy.

**Recognition History**

Pursuant to 10 U.S.C., §9314, Air University has submitted a request for an additional masters degree modification to its existing degree-granting authority to the U.S. Secretary of Education. The NACIQI is the designated review committee for matters concerning degree-granting authority of military educational institutions as outlined in the U.S. Department of Defense Instruction 5545.04 (DoDI 5545.04) and 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 for Health, Education, and Welfare). Under DoDI 5545.04, recommendations by the U.S. Secretary of Education regarding substantive change requests submitted by military educational institutions will be included with subsequent notification to the House and Senate Armed Services Committees.

**Part II: Summary Of Findings**

The agency meets the requirements of the Secretary's Criteria for Recognition.

**Part III: Third Party Comments**
The Department did not receive any written third-party comments regarding this agency.