

## BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

### Thomas More College

Master of Business Administration

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/RECOMMENDATION

**Thomas More College meets the Chancellor's standards for graduate degree programs. Authorization is recommended through December 31, 2010, to coincide with the institution's next regional accreditation reaffirmation review. An annual progress report is to be submitted to the Chancellor's staff by December 31, 2009.**

**Profile:** Thomas More College, located in Crestview Hills, Kentucky, is a private, co-educational liberal arts college affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church. Originally established in 1921 to train Catholic school teachers and provide college education for young women, the institution today serves over 1,500 students and offers degrees through the master's level.

**Accreditation/Authorization:** Thomas More College is regionally accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools through 2010. The college was initially authorized by the Ohio Board of Regents in 1987 to deliver a nursing program in the Cincinnati area. Today, the college offers an Associate of Elective Studies in Management and Bachelor of Business Administration degree program at an off-site location in Blue Ash, Ohio.

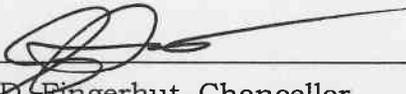
**Program Information:** The Master of Business Administration degree program has been offered by the college since 1995. The forty-six (46) semester hour program, which is offered in a lock-step format, can be completed in twenty-one (21) months by attending class one night a week. The curriculum includes courses in management, accounting, finance, organizational behavior, logistics, and strategic planning. The program culminates with a master's project in which students work with a local business, assisting the organization in solving problems specific to the entity. Students develop a business plan and present it to the organization and program faculty.

**Review Results:** The review team noted several strengths in the review, including the structure and content of the program, the faculty identified to teach in the program, and the assessment practices used at the college. The team requested that the institution provide more information about library usage at the site in Blue Ash and clarify the data provided on student and faculty diversity. The college submitted an acceptable response to these items in the submission of its institutional response.

**Recommendation to the Chancellor:** Thomas More College meets the Chancellor's standards for graduate degree programs. Authorization is recommended through December 31, 2010, to coincide with the institution's next regional accreditation reaffirmation review. An annual progress report is to be submitted by December 31, 2009.

End of Comment Period: January 28, 2009  
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

Approved:



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Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor

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