I, Luis M. Villaronga, Executive Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the University of Puerto Rico, CERTIFY THAT:

The Board of Trustees, at its regular meeting on June 26, 2004, (Dr. Gloria Butrón Castelli, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, was not present for the discussion of this matter) in accordance with the provisions of the General Regulations of the University of Puerto Rico, and with the endorsement of the President of the University of Puerto Rico, agreed to establish the following:

UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO POLICY ON THE ASSESSMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees has received periodic information on the state of affairs regarding key aspects of the institution’s business and has discussed and reflected on the same;

WHEREAS: Such reports describe areas of institutional performance across the University, such as:
- Admissions and financial aid;
- the creative and scholarly work and research;
- infrastructure for teaching, creative and scholarly work and research;
- updating and development of academic programs;
- extracurricular offerings;
- the curricular supply and demand;
- the effectiveness of the educational process; and
- private fundraising.

WHEREAS: Such information, similarly listed, is presented to the University Board.

WHEREAS: Such The university community must develop a culture of assessment that promotes proper data gathering, so as to know the operation of the bases of the University, both internally and in their relationship with each other.
WHEREAS: Information on the topics described above, focusing on the particularities of each campus or college, school, and department, should fortify the deliberations and decision-making at each step, becoming an integral part of the daily University agenda.

WHEREFORE: The Board of Trustees resolves to request that the President of the University

First, that beginning with the 2004-2005 academic year and each academic year thereafter, promote the consideration of the aforementioned issues, and any other topic that may be pertinent, in the academic senates, colleges and departments of the institution.

Second, periodically report to the Board on the developments concerning this effort.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I issue the present certification, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 29th day of June 2004.