

# Accrediting Council

On Education in Journalism and Mass Communications

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LAWRENCE, KANSAS - Accreditation decisions were made April 27 in Chicago for 20 schools by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC).

ACEJMC accredits 118 schools in the United States and outside the country. The Council conducts voluntary reviews for schools with professional journalism and mass communications programs.

During the Council's accreditation deliberations, the Universidad del Turabo in San Juan, Puerto Rico, received initial accreditation.

In other business, Carol Pardun, professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of South Carolina, and Wendi Strong, retired from USAA, were elected to three-year terms on the Accrediting Committee.

Re-elected to three-year terms on the Committee were Vincent Duffy, news director, Michigan Radio; Denise Dowling, associate professor, School of Journalism, University of Montana; and Brian Sheehan, professor, S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, Syracuse University.

Marie Hardin, dean of the Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications at Penn State University and vice chair of the Accrediting Committee, presented the Committee recommendations.

The following schools were removed from provisional reaccreditation and were reaccredited:

- \*School of Journalism and Strategic Media, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
- \*Department of Journalism, Texas Christian University
- \*Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, North Carolina A&T State University
- \*Department of Journalism and Public Relations, Bowling Green State University

The following schools received reaccreditation for their undergraduate programs:

- \*College of Journalism and Communications, University of Florida
- \*Department of Communication, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- \*Department of Journalism, Eastern Illinois University
- \*Department of Mass Communication, Nicholls State University
- \*School of Journalism, University of Arizona
- \*Henry W. Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Georgia
- \*School of Journalism, The University of Montana
- \*School of Journalism and Communication, University of Oregon

The following schools received reaccreditation for their undergraduate and professional master's programs:

- \*School of Communications, Elon University
- \*Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, South Dakota State University

The Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute, New York University, received reaccreditation for its professional master's program.

The following schools received provisional reaccreditation for their undergraduate programs:

- \*Division of Journalism, Florida A&M University
- \*Richard T. Robertson School of Media and Culture, Virginia Commonwealth University
- \*School of Communication and Journalism, Auburn University
- \*Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute, New York University
- \*Department of Mass Communication, Southern University and A&M College

The Council's fall meeting will be Aug. 24 at the Westin Hotel in Chicago.