

Accrediting Council

On Education in Journalism and Mass Communications

Susanne Shaw
Executive Director

May 8, 2018

Katherine Fleming
Provost
New York University
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Dear Provost Fleming:

The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications voted 12-7, with two members abstaining, at its April 27-28 meeting in Chicago that provisional reaccreditation be given to the undergraduate program in the Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute at New York University.

The Council discussed the site visit team's and the Committee's recommendations for provisional reaccreditation. The Council discussed the undergraduate program's non-compliance with two standards:

Standard 6: Student Services
Standard 9: Assessment of Learning Outcomes

The Council then voted 17-2, with two members abstaining, that reaccreditation be given to the graduate program in the Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute. The Council discussed the graduate program's non-compliance with one standard:

Standard 9: Assessment of Learning Outcomes

The Council's procedures say: "A unit may receive provisional accreditation or reaccreditation when the Council has found weaknesses that can be corrected within two years." Schools have the option to schedule a revisit in one or two years.

If you wish to have a revisit of your undergraduate program in the 2018-19 academic year, you must submit a request no later than July 1, 2018, and the revisit must occur no later than Feb. 1, 2019. For a revisit during the 2019-20 academic year, a request must be made no later than July 1, 2019, and the revisit must occur no later than Feb. 1, 2020.

Please send your formal request before the stated deadline along with sufficient documentation that all identified weaknesses in the summary section at the end of the site team report have been corrected. The letter and accompanying material should be sent to Susanne Shaw, executive director. Two people will revisit the undergraduate program in the Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute. The revisit will focus on Standard 6: Student Services and Standard 9: Assessment of Learning Outcomes.

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The team chair will make a recommendation to the Accrediting Committee and the Committee's recommendation will be forwarded to the Accrediting Council.

The expenses of the revisit to New York University and the team chair's expenses to the Committee meeting to present the revisit report must be paid by the Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute before the Council meeting. If you or Prof. Ted Conover have questions about what should be addressed, please contact Susanne Shaw.

Council procedures require that I tell you of your right to appeal this decision. I have enclosed a copy of the appeals procedures, which specifies that you must notify me within 30 days of receipt of this letter if you wish to make an appeal.

Grounds for appeal of a decision to award provisional accreditation must be based on one or more of the following: 1) evidence that the Council failed to adhere to applicable adopted procedures; 2) evidence that, based upon the record before the Council, the decision was arbitrary and capricious or not supported by substantial evidence. Appeals must be made in writing and must be based on concrete evidence that was in the record before the Council at the time of the original decision.

If the Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute chooses to appeal this decision, the Council will consider that appeal at its Aug. 24 meeting in Chicago. While an appeal is pending and before a decision on the appeal is made by the Council, there will be no change in the accredited status of the Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute.

All expenses of the appeal, including travel, shall be paid by the institution initiating the appeal. Eighty percent of the estimated costs of the appeal hearing must be sent to the ACEJMC office two weeks before the date of the scheduled Appeals Board meeting.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate with your faculty and administration in the assessment of your programs. The goal of the Accrediting Council is to improve the quality of education offered to students served by a program through that assessment.

Sincerely,



Peter Bhatia
President

cc: Ted Conover, director, Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute
Paul Parsons, chair, site team
Marie Hardin, vice chair, Accrediting Committee
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Susanne Shaw, executive director, ACEJMC