Accrediting Council

On Education in Journalism and Mass Communications

Patricia Thompson Executive Director

May 11, 2022

David Schmidt, President American University in Dubai

Dear President Schmidt:

The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications met April 29 in Chicago and voted 10-5, with two absentions, that the Mohammed Bin Rashid School for Communication at American University in Dubai receive reaccreditation.

The Council discussed the noncompliance on Standard 3 (Diversity and Inclusiveness), but ultimately concurred with the recommendations for reaccreditation made by the Accrediting Committee and the site team. The next site team will pay particular attention to the improvements made in the Diversity and Inclusiveness standard.

We will be in touch with the associate dean about the next visit for the school, scheduled for the 2027-28 academic year.

Please accept my congratulations and best wishes for continued success for the Mohammed Bin Rashid School for Communication, its students, faculty and the professional media constituencies it serves.

Sincerely,

Peter Bhatia ACEJMC President

cc: Pedro Sigaud Sellos, associate dean Dorothy Bland, site team chair Marie Hardin, chair, Accrediting Committee Patricia Thompson, executive director, ACEJMC