

Accrediting Council

On Education in Journalism and Mass Communications

Brad A. Smith, President
Marshall University

May 12, 2022

Dear President Smith:

The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications met April 29 and voted 12-3, with one abstention and one recusal, that the undergraduate program in the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications receive reaccreditation. Sandy York, interim director, attended the meeting.

The Council expressed concerns about the noncompliances on Standard 1 (Mission, Governance and Administration) and Standard 7 (Resources, Facilities and Equipment), but concurred with the site team and Committee recommendations for reaccreditation. The next site team will pay particular attention to improvements on those standards.

We will be in touch with the director 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 W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications, its students, faculty and the professional media constituencies it serves.

Sincerely,



Peter Bhatia
ACEJMC President

cc: Sandy York, interim director
Greg Pitts, site team chair
Marie Hardin, chair, Accrediting Committee
Patricia Thompson, executive director, ACEJMC