

# Accrediting Council

On Education in Journalism and Mass Communications

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James W. Abbott  
President  
University of South Dakota  
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Dear President Abbott:

The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications met April 28-29 in Chicago and voted 22-0, with one member abstaining, that the undergraduate program in the Department of Media & Journalism at the University of South Dakota receive reaccreditation. Michelle Van Maanen, chair of the Department of Media & Journalism, attended the meeting.

The Council concurred with the recommendations for reaccreditation made by the Accrediting Committee and the site team. The next visit for the Department of Media & Journalism will be during the 2020-2021 academic year.

Please accept my congratulations and best wishes for continued success for the the Department of Media & Journalism at the University of South Dakota, its students, faculty and the other professional media constituencies it serves.

Sincerely,



Peter Bhatia  
ACEJMC President

cc: Michelle Van Maanen, chair, Department of Media & Journalism  
Ford Risley, revisit chair, site team  
Chris Callahan, chair, Accrediting Committee  
Susanne Shaw, executive director, ACEJMC