

Accrediting Council

On Education in Journalism and Mass Communications

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LAWRENCE, KANSAS – Accreditation decisions were made April 28 in Chicago for 24 schools by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC).

The Department of Communication at the University of North Florida received initial accreditation. The Department of Communication at Grambling State University was denied re-accreditation. The department had two standards in non-compliance and other weaknesses.

The Jandoli School of Communication at St. Bonaventure University received provisional accreditation for its undergraduate and graduate programs. This was an initial accreditation visit for the school. Schools seeking accreditation for the first time that receive provisional status do not have any benefits of accreditation until they receive full accreditation.

ACEJMC accredits 117 schools in the United States and outside the country. The Council conducts voluntary reviews for schools with professional journalism and mass communications program.

In other business, Michael Cherson, executive vice president of SCG Advertising and Public Relations in Parsippany, NJ, was elected to a three-year term on the Accrediting Committee.

Re-elected to three-year terms were Heidi de Laufenfels, vice president, operations for Nyhus Communications in Seattle; Caesar Andrews, Leonard Distinguished Professor in Ethics and Writing, Reynolds School of Journalism at the University of Nevada, Reno; and Wanda Lloyd, associate professor, department of journalism and mass communication at Savannah State University.

Chris Callahan, dean and university vice provost, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, is chair of the Accrediting Committee, and Marie Hardin, dean, College of Communications at Pennsylvania State University, is the vice chair.

The following schools were removed from provisional re-accreditation status and fully re-accredited:

- Department of Media and Journalism, University of South Dakota
- Department of Communication and Journalism, University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire
- School of Journalism and Mass Communication, San Jose State University

The following schools received re-accreditation for their undergraduate programs:

- Department of Mass Communications and Journalism, Norfolk State University
- Department of Communication/Journalism, Shippensburg University
- Department of Mass Communications, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
- Department of Mass Communications, St. Cloud State University
- College of Journalism and Mass Communications, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Department of Journalism and Media Communication, Colorado State University
- School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Drake University
- College of Media and Entertainment, Middle Tennessee State University
- Department of Mass Media, Southeast Missouri State University
- William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications, University of Kansas
- Edwin and Becky Meek School of Journalism and New Media, University of Mississippi
- School of Advertising and Public Relations, School of Journalism and Electronic Media, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Iowa

The following schools received re-accreditation for their undergraduate and professional master's programs:

- School of Journalism, Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, University of Southern California
- Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Arizona State University
- Department of Journalism, University of Colorado
- School of Journalism, University of Missouri
- School of Journalism and Mass Communications, University of South Carolina