

## Norton appointed chair of Appeals Board

Will Norton, dean of the Edwin and Becky Meek School of Journalism and New Media at the University of Mississippi, was appointed chair of the Appeals Board by Peter Bhatia, Accrediting Council president.

Other Appeals Board members are Kathleen Fearn-Banks and Bob Jamieson. Fearn-Banks is an associate professor in the Department of Communication at Washington State University. Jamieson is a retired news correspondent for ABC News.

## Committee meeting March 24 in Chicago

The Accrediting Committee will meet Saturday, March 24 at the Westin on North Michigan Avenue in Chicago. This will be a one-day meeting. Sixteen site visits and four revisits will be discussed. **See page 2** for the site visit schedule.

Information about hotel reservations, meeting start time and the discussion schedule will be available in January.

The Accrediting Committee meeting is open to the public.

Email Susanne Shaw, ACEJMC executive director, at [sshaw@ku.edu](mailto:sshaw@ku.edu) with your questions.

## DUES REMINDER

The deadline for all accredited program and member association dues was Nov. 1. Contact Cheryl Klug at 785-864-3973 or [cklug@ku.edu](mailto:cklug@ku.edu) with questions.

## Accrediting Council begins search for new executive director

The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications seeks an executive director. The position becomes open on July 1, 2018.

The executive director of ACEJMC is responsible for administering the accrediting process for schools of journalism and strategic communication at the undergraduate and professional master's levels.

There are currently 117 accredited programs, primarily in the United States, but also in Mexico, Chile, the UAE, Qatar and New Zealand. The rules, regulations and guidelines for accreditation are detailed in-depth on ACEJMC's website, [www.acejmc.org](http://www.acejmc.org). It is suggested that candidates spend time with the 2017-18 ACEJMC booklet under the "publications" pull-down menu on the site.

Applications are invited from both academics and professionals with a passion for journalism education and a familiarity with the accrediting process. A terminal degree is welcome, but not required.

The full posting is available on [ACEJMC's website](#).

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## Database provides comparative searches of accredited schools

As part of ACEJMC's review process, schools are now asked to complete an online database that is made available to the public.

The database is intended to better inform the public of the offerings at ACEJMC programs, assisting students and their parents in determining the best program fit for a student's education in this field. This site provides a digital tool that allows any user to compare two or three programs.

The database also allows faculty to see what other programs offer and to encourage continued advancement in curriculum and teaching.

The Council approved policy that schools should update their database annually once they have begun the process.

The data sharing requirement begins with schools now working on their self-studies and with visits in 2018-19.

The database is available at <https://lookup.acejmc.org>.

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All meetings  
will be at the  
Westin Hotel,  
909 N. Michigan  
Ave., Chicago.

## MEETINGS CALENDAR

### 2018

Accrediting Committee: Saturday, March 24

Accrediting Council: Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28

Accrediting Council: Friday, Aug. 24

## ONLINE RESOURCES

Several resources to assist programs with the accreditation process are available on ACEJMC's website. Documents are found under the resources tab.

### ACEJMC's Guide to Assessment

explains ACEJMC's expectations of an assessment plan and offers suggestions for assessing student learning. <http://www.acejmc.org/resources/acejmc-guide-to-assessment/>

### Preparation for Accreditation

details the actions a program should undertake in the years before the self-study, including the collection of data and record keeping, and the involvement of faculty and students in the accreditation process. <http://www.acejmc.org/resources/preparation-for-accreditation/>

### How to Develop Mission and Plans

provides information on writing a mission statement and developing a diversity plan, a long-range strategic plan, and an assessment plan. <http://www.acejmc.org/resources/mission-and-plans/>

### Diversity Tipsheet

offers suggestions on ways to diversify faculty, students and curriculum. <http://www.acejmc.org/resources/diversity-tipsheet/>

### Examples of self-studies

also are available on the website. These reports represent a broad spectrum of program sizes and resources. <http://www.acejmc.org/resources/self-study-examples/>

For more information, contact the ACEJMC office at 785-864-7640 or email [creinardy@ku.edu](mailto:creinardy@ku.edu)

## MEMBER & PROGRAM UPDATES

**Peter Bhatia**, president of the Accrediting Council, is now editor and vice president of the **Detroit Free Press and freep.com**. Bhatia was editor and vice president for Audience Development with Enquirer Media in Cincinnati.

The **Walter J. Lemke Department of Journalism** at the **University of Arkansas**, Fayetteville, is now the **School of Journalism and Strategic Media**. Larry Foley continues as the departmental chair.

**Jeff Fruit** was named interim director of the School of

Journalism and Mass Communication at **Kent State University**. He replaces **Thor Wasbotten**, who returned to the faculty.

**Ted Carlin** was named chair of the Department of Communication and Journalism at **Shippensburg University**. He replaces Kimberly Garriss.

**Noureddine Miladi** was named department head for Qatar University's Department of Mass Communication. He replaces acting department head Mahmoud Galander.

## 2017-18 Site Visit Schedule

Oct. 15-18	University of Georgia University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Oct. 22-25	Elon University The University of Montana
Oct. 29-Nov. 1	Virginia Commonwealth University Nicholls State University
Nov. 5-8	Eastern Illinois University
Nov. 12-15	New York University
Jan. 21-24	Southern University and A&M College University of Arizona
Jan. 28-31	University of Florida Auburn University
Feb. 4-7	Florida A&M University University of Oregon South Dakota State University
Feb. 11-14	University of Turabo, Puerto Rico
<b>Revisits:</b> _____	
Oct. 15-17	Bowling Green State University
Nov. 12-14	University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
Jan. 21-23	North Carolina A&T State
Jan. 29-30	Texas Christian University

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