

ACEJMC receives CHEA recognition

The Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) Board of Directors has granted recognition to ACEJMC. CHEA provides oversight of higher education accreditation.

The action was taken at the board's Jan. 27 meeting on a recommendation by CHEA's Committee on Recognition to grant recognition to ACEJMC. Susanne Shaw, executive director of ACEJMC, was notified Feb. 11 of the board's decision.

CHEA's recognition comes after a year of deferral for ACEJMC. The year gave the Council time to clarify procedure for international programs seeking accredita-

tion and to clarify the delineation between provisional and accreditation status.

The deferral also allowed time for ACEJMC's accredited programs to post retention and graduation data and other student achievement data on program websites.

ACEJMC must provide a follow-up report on the published data requirement at the Committee on Recognition's November meeting in Washington, D.C.

CHEA policy also requires interim reports, normally in the third and sixth years.

Shaw said she appreciated all ACEJMC accredited programs meeting the deadline to publish their retention/graduation data.

Accreditation workshop planned for August

The Accrediting Council will offer again a one-day workshop to assist administrators with the accreditation review process. The workshop will be Thursday, Aug. 21, at The Westin in Chicago.

The program is intended for school administrators and assistants who will have their site visit in the next two years. The workshop is open to any accredited program or programs working toward

initial accreditation or reaccreditation. Sixty schools are scheduled for review in the next two years.

A similar workshop was offered in August 2012 and was attended by more than 75 participants. Since then, the Council office has received several requests for another workshop opportunity.

Details for the Aug. 21 workshop will be available in mid-May.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Friday, May 2:
The Westin
Arlington
Gateway, Va.

Friday, Aug. 22:
The Westin
Chicago

Accrediting Committee to meet March 22 in Chicago

Three revisit reports and 20 site visit reports will be presented at the Accrediting Committee meeting, Saturday, March 22, in Chicago.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Chicago Ballroom, 16th floor in the west tower of The Westin, 909 N. Michigan Ave. The meeting is expected to continue until about 5 p.m.

The meeting has been moved from the Lincoln Park Room to the

Chicago Ballroom.

A tentative schedule of school discussions is on page 3.

This is an open meeting. Observers are welcome. However, the ACEJMC office asks that you register your attendance by contacting cklug@ku.edu. Deadline is Feb. 21.

Questions can be directed to Susanne Shaw, ACEJMC executive director, 785-864-5225 or sshaw@ku.edu.

Note: The meeting has moved from the Lincoln Park Room to the Chicago Ballroom on the 16th floor.

2014-15 Visits

The Council will send 30 site visit teams and one revisit team to journalism and mass communications programs in the 2014-15 academic year.

* Schools marked with an asterisk seek initial accreditation.

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| Oct. 5-8 | Baylor University Central Michigan University |
| Oct. 12-15 | University of Connecticut |
| Oct. 19-22 | University of South Dakota * Zayed University Brigham Young University |
| Oct. 26-29 | Winthrop University * Anahuac University in Mexico * University of North Alabama |
| Nov. 9-12 | University of Oklahoma American University University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire |
| Nov. 16-19 | Texas State University - San Marcos San Jose State University *American University in Dubai |
| Jan. 11-14 | Marshall University |
| Jan. 20-23 (Tues.-Fri.) | Kent State University University of Washington Arkansas State University |
| Jan. 25-28 | University of Kentucky Indiana University Florida International University |
| Feb. 1-4 | University of Texas-Austin University of Southern Indiana Iona College |
| Feb. 8-11 | Cal State University, Fullerton University of North Carolina San Diego State University |
| Feb. 15-18 | * Stony Brook University Jackson State University |
| REVISITS: | Abilene Christian University |

Member and program updates

Doug Anderson, dean of the College of Communications at **Pennsylvania State University**, announced his retirement, effective June 30.

Dean Mills, dean of the School of Journalism at the **University of Missouri**, will step down effective Aug. 31. Mills will stay on at the school as director of the Reynolds Fellows program in the School of Journalism.

Maria Marron will become dean of the College of Journalism and Mass Communications at the **University of Nebraska-Lincoln** effective June 1. **James O'Hanlon** has served as interim dean of the college since 2012, when dean Gary Keibel stepped down. Marron is chair of the department of journalism at Central Michigan University. **Jiafei Yin** will succeed Marron as interim chair of the department of journalism.

Karie Hollerbach became chair of the department of mass media at **Southeast Missouri State University**, effective Jan. 1. She succeeds Jack Zibluk, who stepped down last fall.

Diane Witmer will retire effective August 2014 as chair of the department of communications at **California State University, Fullerton**. Witmer is on leave this spring. **Doug Swanson** is serving as interim chair of the department.

Glenn Frankel, director of the School of Journalism at the **University of Texas**, will step down at the end of this academic year to become a full-time author. Frankel was the school director for four years.

Nominations Committee appointed

Doug Anderson, vice president of the Accrediting Council, will chair the Nominations Committee for the Accrediting Committee. Other Nominations Committee members are Jan Dates, dean emerita at Howard University's School of Communications, and Steve Geimann, deputy leader of the U.S. Energy-Trade-Labor Regulation Team at Bloomberg News.

Four Committee members' terms end in March. Two are eligible to serve second terms. Another one-year seat is open to fill the unexpired term of the late Raul Ramirez.

ACCREDITATION TIMELINE

Schools under review:

MARCH

-- Receive invitation to May 2 Council meeting in Washington, D.C. Attendance by administrators recommended, but not required.

-- Receive billing for the site team chair's expenses to the March 22 Committee meeting.

APRIL

-- Before the May 2 Council meeting, payment due for team chair's expenses to present the team report at the March Accrediting Committee.

MAY

-- Notification letter received from the Council on accrediting decision.

-- Appeal must be made within 30 days of the notification letter.

**Committee Discussion Schedule
March 22 / The Westin / Chicago**

Revisits:

- * South Dakota State (Graduate Program)
- Southern University
- Auburn University

Team Chair

- Barbara Hines
- Trevor Brown
- Will Norton

Accreditation Site Team Reports:

- Michigan State University
- Kansas State University
- Jacksonville State University
- * City University of New York
- University of Alaska Anchorage
- University of New Mexico
- Hofstra University
- University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
- University of Tennessee at Martin
- Southern Illinois University Carbondale
- * Technologico de Monterrey
- Buffalo State
- University of Nevada, Reno
- * California State University, Long Beach
- Hampton University
- San Francisco State University
- Oklahoma State University
- Temple University
- * Loyola University New Orleans
- * University of Idaho

- Paul Parsons
- Pam Luecke
- Jan Dates
- Doug Anderson
- David Boardman
- Jerry Ceppos
- Ann Brill
- Ford Risley
- Joe Foote
- Tim Gleason
- Richard Cole
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- Jan Slater
- Chris Callahan
- Peter Bhatia
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