

News Release – May 6, 2015

LAWRENCE, KANSAS – The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC) accredited five new schools at its May 1 meeting in Phoenix. Three of the five schools were international programs.

The new schools are the Mohammed Bin Rashid School for Communication at the American University in Dubai; College of Communication and Media Sciences at Zayed University in Abu Dhabi and Dubai; School of Communication at Anahuac University in Mexico City; School of Journalism at Stony Brook University and the Department of Communications at University of North Alabama.

The Council reviewed 29 schools. ACEJMC now accredits 119 schools in the United States and outside the country. The Council conducts voluntary reviews for schools with professional journalism and mass communications programs.

Two new members were elected to three-year terms on the Accrediting Committee. They are Brian Sheehan, associate professor at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University, and Denise Dowling, associate professor at the School of Journalism at the University of Montana. Caesar Andrews, Leonard Distinguished Professor in Ethics and Writing at the Reynolds School of Journalism at the University of Nevada, Reno, was elected to a two-year term.

Re-elected to three-year terms were Marie Hardin, dean of the College of Communication at Pennsylvania State University; Brad Rawlins, dean of the College of Media and Communication at Arkansas State University; Jennifer Sizemore, vice president of communications and marketing at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle; and Vincent Duffy, news director at Michigan Radio (NPR).

Chris Callahan, dean and vice provost at the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication, is the chair of the Accrediting Committee, and Marie Hardin will be the Committee vice chair.

The following schools received provisional reaccreditation for their undergraduate programs:

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

The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at Abilene Christian University was removed from provisional reaccreditation and received full reaccreditation.

The following new schools received accreditation for their undergraduate programs:

Mohammed Bin Rashid School for Communication, American University in Dubai

School of Journalism, Stony Brook University

School of Communication, Anahuac University (Mexico)

Department of Communications, University of North Alabama

College of Communication and Media Sciences, Zayed University

The following schools received reaccreditation for their undergraduate programs:

Gaylord College, University of Oklahoma

W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications, Marshall University

School of Journalism and Telecommunications (journalism), University of Kentucky

School of Journalism, University of Texas at Austin

Department of Communication/Journalism Emphasis, University of Washington

Department of Journalism, Public Relations and New Media, Baylor University

School of Communications, Brigham Young University

Department of Journalism, Central Michigan University

School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Florida International University

Department of Journalism, Indiana University

School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Kent State University

School of Journalism and Media Studies (advertising, journalism, public relations), San Diego State University

School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Texas State University

Department of Mass Communication, Winthrop University

Department of Journalism, University of Connecticut

Department of Communications, California State University, Fullerton

College of Media and Communication (multimedia journalism/creative media production strategic communications), Arkansas State University

The following schools received reaccreditation for their undergraduate and professional master's programs:

School of Communication, American University

Department of Mass Communication, Iona College

School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of North Carolina