Accrediting Committee to meet in Chicago

Twenty schools will be reviewed by the Accrediting Committee at its annual meeting Saturday and Sunday, March 17-18 in Chicago at the Westin Hotel, 909 N. Michigan Ave. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Governor’s Room on the hotel’s third floor. Sunday’s meeting, also in the Governor’s Room, will end by noon.

For more information about the meeting, contact the ACE-JMC office at 785-864-3986. The review schedule is provided on Page 2. This schedule is tentative because it is impossible to determine the length of discussion for each school.

2012-13 Site Visit Schedule

The Council will send 13 site visit teams to schools in the 2012-13 academic year. Schools marked with an asterisk seek initial accreditation. In addition, seven schools will have revisits.

| Oct. 14-17       | Pennsylvania State University  
| Oct. 21-24      | Abilene Christian University  
| Oct. 28-31      | Washington and Lee University  
| Nov. 4-7        | University of Illinois  
| Nov. 11-14      | East Tennessee State University  
| Dec. 2-5        | University of Memphis  
| Jan. 13-16      | Ohio University  
| Jan. 27-30      | University of South Florida  
| Feb. 3-6        | *University of Puerto Rico-Arecibo  
| Feb. 10-13      | *Qatar University  
|                | Savannah State University  
|                | Columbia University  

Revisits:
- University of Colorado
- University of Iowa
- Grambling State University
- Norfolk State University
- *Shippensburg University
- Southeast Missouri State University
- St. Cloud State University

CALENDAR

Council Meeting:
April 27-28, Westin Arlington Gateway
Arlington, Va.

Accreditation Workshop:
Aug. 23
Westin Hotel
Chicago

Council Meeting:
Aug. 24
Westin Hotel
Chicago

For information on these events, contact the ACEJMC office at 785-864-3986.
Appeals Board appointed
Charles Edwards, dean of Drake University’s School of Journalism and Mass Communication, has been appointed chair of the Appeals Board by Peter Bhatia, Council president.

Other board members are Pat Thompson and John Paluszek. Thompson is director of student media and assistant professor of journalism at the University of Mississippi’s School of Journalism and New Media. Paluszek is senior counsel at Ketchum.

Letter helps promote the value of accreditation
The Accrediting Council has available a letter template for use by accredited schools to help promote the value of their accreditation. Accredited schools can send the letter to their graduates, encouraging the use of "Nationally Accredited" on resumes.

The letter also explains to graduates how a degree from an ACEJMC-accredited program could be advantageous in the job market. The template is available on the ACEJMC website and by contacting the ACEJMC office.

Accrediting Committee School discussion schedule

**Saturday, March 17**
- North Carolina A&T (Revisit)
- South Dakota State
- Nicholls State University
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- Eastern Illinois University
- Elon University
- University of Montana
- Southern University
- University of Georgia
- University of California at Berkeley
- University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras
- University of Florida
- University of Wisconsin Oshkosh (Revisit)

**Sunday, March 18**
- Auburn University
- University of Alaska Fairbanks (Revisit)
- University of Arizona
- New York University
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Florida A&M University
- University of Oregon

Member and program updates

University of Miami (Fla.) School of Communication and the department of journalism at the University of Wisconsin – River Falls have let their accreditation lapse.

Brett Pulley was named dean of the Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications at Hampton University. Pulley, a veteran journalist, succeeds Tony Brown, who retired in 2009.

Rosalynne Whitaker-Heck had served as interim dean and is now assistant dean for academic affairs.

Alan Stavitsky will become dean of the Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism at the University of Nevada, Reno, on April 1. Stavitsky is senior associate dean and founding director of the George S. Turnbull Portland Center for the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication. William Winter, founder of an organizational-development consulting firm, has been interim dean at the Reynolds School of Journalism since May 2011.

Charles Elmore has been named interim chair of the department of mass communications at Savannah State University.