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Lawrence, Kan. -- The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC) made 24 school accreditation decisions at its meeting April 29-30 in Portland, Ore. Eleven schools had both undergraduate and graduate programs reviewed.

The Council also re-elected four members to three-year terms on its Accrediting Committee: John Cochran, retired ABC News senior correspondent; Phil Dixon, department of journalism at Howard University; Charlotte Hall, retired senior vice president and editor at the Orlando Sentinel; and Nicholas Lemann, dean of the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University.

The Council now accredits 111 in the United States and outside the country. ACEJMC conducts voluntary reviews for schools with professional journalism and mass communications programs.

The undergraduate programs at the following schools were removed from provisional reaccreditation and received full reaccreditation:

- Department of Journalism, Central Michigan University
- Department of Mass Communication, Iona College
- Department of Mass Communications, Jackson State University
- Department of Communication and Journalism, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

The graduate program in the Department of Mass Communication at Iona College received accreditation.

The following schools received provisional reaccreditation for their undergraduate programs:

- Department of Mass Media, Southeast Missouri State University
- Department of Mass Communications and Journalism, Norfolk State University
- School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Iowa
- Department of Mass Communications, St. Cloud State University
- School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Colorado
The graduate program in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Iowa was denied reaccreditation. The following schools received provisional reaccreditation for their graduate programs:

- Department of Mass Communications, St. Cloud State University
- School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Colorado
- Department of Mass Communication, Grambling State University

The Council also reaccredited the undergraduate and graduate programs at the following schools:

- William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications, University of Kansas
- School of Journalism, University of Southern California
- Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Arizona State University
- School of Journalism, University of Missouri
- Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University
- School of Journalism and Mass Communications, University of South Carolina

The following schools received reaccreditation for their undergraduate programs:

- College of Mass Communication, Middle Tennessee State University
- Department of Journalism and Technical Communication, Colorado State University
- Department of Mass Communications, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
- Edwin and Becky Meek School of Journalism and New Media, University of Mississippi
- School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Drake University
- College of Journalism and Mass Communications, University of Nebraska
- School of Advertising and Public Relations, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- School of Journalism and Electronic Media, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- Department of Mass Communication, Grambling State University

The undergraduate program in the Department of Communication/Journalism at Shippensburg University received provisional initial accreditation. The program has two years to correct weaknesses identified by the site team.

The Council’s fall meeting will be Friday, Sept. 9, at the Hilton Hotel at Chicago’s O’Hare Airport. For additional information about Council meetings and activities, contact Susanne Shaw, ACEJMC executive director, (785)864-3986, sshaw@ku.edu.

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2011 Accrediting Council Decisions

Undergraduate programs removed from provisional and reaccredited:
Central Michigan University
Iona College
Jackson State University
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Graduate program removed from provisional and accredited:
Iona College

Provisional accreditation of an undergraduate program:
Shippensburg University -- noncompliances: Standard 2, Standard 3, Standard 9

Provisional reaccreditation of undergraduate programs:
Norfolk State University -- noncompliances: Standard 2, Standard 9
Southeast Missouri State University -- noncompliances: Standard 1, Standard 9
St. Cloud State University -- noncompliances: Standard 3, Standard 9
University of Colorado -- noncompliance: Standard 1
University of Iowa -- noncompliances: Standard 2, Standard 9

Provisional reaccreditation of graduate programs:
Grambling State University -- noncompliances: Standard 5, Standard 9
St. Cloud State University -- noncompliances: Standard 2, Standard 3, Standard 9 University of Colorado -- noncompliances: Standard 1, Standard 3, Standard 9

Denial of reaccreditation of a graduate program:
University of Iowa -- noncompliances: Standard 2, Standard 9

Reaccredited undergraduate programs:
Arizona State University -- compliance with all standards
Colorado State University -- noncompliance: Standard 3
Drake University -- compliance with all standards
Grambling State University -- noncompliance: Standard 9
Middle Tennessee State University -- noncompliances: Standard 3, Standard 9
Northwestern University -- compliance with all standards
Southern Illinois University -- noncompliance: Standard 9
University of Kansas -- compliance with all standards
University of Mississippi -- noncompliance: Standard 9
University of Missouri -- compliance with all standards
University of Nebraska -- compliance with all standards
University of South Carolina -- compliance with all standards
University of Southern California -- noncompliance: Standard 9
University of Tennessee/Knoxville -- compliance with all standards

Reaccredited graduate programs:
Arizona State University -- compliance with all standards
Northwestern University -- compliance with all standards
University of Kansas -- noncompliance: Standard 9
University of Missouri -- compliance with all standards
University of South Carolina -- compliance with all standards
University of Southern California -- noncompliance: Standard 9