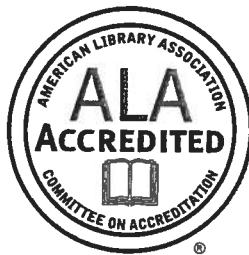


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Dear Dr. Paskoff:

On behalf of the Committee on Accreditation (COA) of the American Library Association, I write to inform you that the Committee voted to grant continued accreditation status to the program leading to the degree of Master of Library and Information Science at Louisiana State University. The next comprehensive review is scheduled for spring 2019 unless evidence persuades COA that the review should be conducted at an earlier or later date. The accreditation status of this program explicitly includes all sites offering courses that are part of the program listed above.

This decision was made at the Committee meeting on June 24, 2012. The decision was based on the Program Presentation, the External Review Panel Report, and all of the reports the program submitted to the Committee since the last comprehensive review, and the June 23, 2012, meeting with you and Linda Smith, Chair of the External Review Panel.

The decision to grant continued accreditation to the program is based on the "totality of the accomplishment and the environment for learning...rather than from a consideration of the isolated particulars (*Standards*, p. 5)."

In a special report due March 1, 2013, please address the following:

- Goals and objectives of the program as they have been established with creation of the new college and systematic planning in support of the goals and objectives. (*Introduction; Standard I*).
- Evidence, beyond the comprehensive exam, that is used to evaluate the curriculum. (*Standard II.7*).
- Procedures established within the new college for the systematic evaluation of faculty. (*Standard III.8*).
- An update on the college budget and impact on the program. (*Standard V.5*).

For your information and planning, the schedule for reporting is as follows:

Report	Due date
Annual statistical report and biennial narrative report addressing each Standard	December 1, 2012
Special report	March 1, 2013

The Committee wishes to thank all those who provided information and participated in the evaluation process. The cooperation of those associated with the program and with Louisiana State University enabled us to facilitate the review of your program. We appreciate your cooperation in the on-going evaluation, assessment, and review process of accreditation and we encourage you to continue your efforts.

Sincerely,



Brian Andrew, Chair
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