



May 13, 2026

President Jermaine Whirl  
Savannah State University

Dear President Whirl:

The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications met May 5, 2026, in Washington, D.C., and voted 18-0 that the Department of Journalism & Mass Communications receive reaccreditation for all academic programs under review. There were two recusals for conflicts of interest. Dean David Marshall and Department Chair Juliana Trammel were present.

The Council concurred with the site team and Committee recommendations for reaccreditation.

We will be in touch with the department chair about the next visit, scheduled for the 2031-32 academic year.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate with your faculty and administrators in the assessment of the Department of Journalism & Mass Communications. The goal of the Accrediting Council's assessment is to help improve the quality of education a program offers to its students. Please accept my congratulations and best wishes for success for the program, its students, faculty, and the professional media constituencies it serves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Geimann".

Steve Geimann  
ACEJMC President

cc: Juliana Trammel, Department Chair  
David Marshall, Dean  
Shirley Carter, Site Team Chair  
Rafael Lorente, Chair, Accrediting Committee  
Susan Walton, Executive Director, ACEJMC  
Darren Phillips, Associate Executive Director, ACEJMC