



May 13, 2026

President Bill Hardgrave
University of Memphis

Dear President Hardgrave:

The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications met May 5, 2026, in Washington, D.C., and voted 17-0 that the Department of Journalism and Strategic Media receive reaccreditation for all academic programs under review. There were three recusals for conflicts of interest. Department Chair Matthew Haught was present.

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

We will be in touch with the school's 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 and Strategic Media. 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". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Steve Geimann
ACEJMC President

cc: Matthew Haught, Department Chair
Caesar Andrews, Site Team Chair
Rafael Lorente, Chair, Accrediting Committee
Susan Walton, Executive Director, ACEJMC
Darren Phillips, Associate Executive Director, ACEJMC