



May 13, 2026

President Lori Stewart Gonzalez
Ohio University

Dear President Gonzalez:

The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications met May 5, 2026, in Washington, D.C., and voted 19-0 that the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism receive reaccreditation for all programs under review. There were no recusals for conflicts of interest.

Hans Meyer, director, and Elizabeth Hendrickson, associate director for undergraduate studies, attended the meeting. The site team found the program out of compliance on Standard 3: Assessment of Learning Outcomes and recommended full reaccreditation.

Our policies require accredited units with a standard out of compliance to demonstrate, within three years, that the deficiencies in the standard have been rectified. The site team report identified the following issues in Standard 3:

The unit needs to address flaws in data collection to enhance the validity of multiple measures and, when necessary, solicit additional information that can be useful in guiding curricular decisions.

Most importantly, the unit should show evidence that it has “closed the loop” by thoroughly analyzing assessment results and using the data to inform decisions about curriculum, courses, student services, and other aspects of school operations.

The unit must notify ACEJMC in writing within one year outlining its plans to correct deficiencies in Standard 3: Assessment of Learning Outcomes. The report should note issues that may delay achieving compliance with the standard. The report will be submitted in spring 2027. Requests for extensions will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Our office will be in touch with Dr. Meyer and Dr. Hendrickson later this year to go over the details of this report.

The unit will also be required to submit a final report no later than 2029 that shows compliance with Standard 3. A Council-appointed panel will review the evidence presented and report its findings to the Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate with your faculty and administrators in the assessment of your program. 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 best wishes for success for the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism, 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, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Steve Geimann
ACEJMC President

cc: Hans Meyer, Director
Kristin Gilger, Site Team Chair
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Susan Walton, ACEJMC Executive Director
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