



ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR PROGRAMS IN HOSPITALITY ADMINISTRATION

March 5, 2019

Mr. John J. Wardlaw, Dean
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Dear Dean Wardlaw;

Thank you for the cooperation during the recent review of your Program's response to the deferral on accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration (ACPHA).

To ensure a comprehensive analysis and balanced review, and to meet the requirements as requested following the July 2018 Commission Meeting, copies of the department's written response along with all of the exhibits were made available to the full Commission and were reviewed by designated Primary and Secondary Readers. The Readers led the discussion of the file in Executive Session held on February 23, 2019.

Based on the documentation provided, the Commission voted to grant the full accreditation of seven years (Winter 2019– Winter 2026) to the Hospitality and Tourism Management Studies Program.

The Commission would like to commend the program on the significant progress made during the fall semester. The response and documentation addressing the unmet standards in Planning, Curriculum, Student Services, and Financial Resources was well received and met the Commission's request.

The Accreditation Commission intends that the evaluation process at the program, site team, and the Commission levels make significant contribution for the improvement of the quality of an educational program. Should you have any questions regarding the grant of accreditation, please contact Dr. Fenwick at the ACPHA office or via e-mail.

Your first Annual Report Form, which will be electronically distributed in November 2019, should be submitted by December 20, 2019 for Commission review at the Winter 2020

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Commission Meeting. The filing of an Annual Report documents how the program maintains its continuing commitment to its mission and is an important part of the accreditation process. Maintenance of accredited status is dependent upon the program's continuing compliance with accreditation standards and fulfillment of its commitment to the communities of interest.

During the coming year we will be streamlining the Annual Report process and new forms are being developed for review and approval at the Summer Commission Meeting. If you have any questions regarding this process please contact Dr. Fenwick.

I extend to you on behalf of the full Commission our sincere congratulations on your significant accomplishment in achieving accredited status for your Program. Please share our congratulations with your Leadership, Faculty, Staff and Students.

We look forward to continuing our work with you and your program in the coming years.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephanie Hein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "S" and a distinct "H".

Stephanie Hein, EdD, MBA, CHE
Chair of the Commission