

# Accrediting Council

On Education in Journalism and Mass Communications

5/8/2024

Timothy Sands, President  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Dear President Sands:

The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications met May 3, 2024, in Washington, D.C., and voted 15-0, with two recusals, that the School of Communication at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University receive initial accreditation. Director John Tedesco attended the meeting.

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

We will be in touch with Dr. Tedesco about the next visit for the school, scheduled for the 2029-2030 academic year.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate with your faculty and administrators in the assessment of your program. The goal of the Accrediting Council is to improve the quality of education offered to students served by a program through that assessment. Please accept my congratulations and best wishes for success for the School of Communication, its students, faculty and the professional media constituencies it serves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Del Galloway", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Del Galloway, ACEJMC President

cc: John C. Tedesco, Director  
Greg Pitts, site team chair  
Marie Hardin, chair, Accrediting Committee  
Patricia Thompson, executive director, ACEJMC