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February 15, 2024

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Dear Dr. Jeong:

On behalf of the Committee on Accreditation (CoA/the Committee), I write to inform you that the Committee voted to grant Continued accreditation status to the Master in Library Science program. This determination explicitly includes all sites offering courses as part of the program.

The decision was made at the Committee meeting on February 7, 2024, based on the Self-Study, the External Review Panel Report, the reports the program submitted leading up to the comprehensive review, and the meeting with you and Sarah Meghan Harper, Chair of the External Review Panel.

The next visit for a comprehensive review is scheduled for Fall 2030, unless evidence in the interim indicates that the review should be conducted at an earlier or later date.

From this point forward, all reporting must address the revised Standards for Accreditation adopted by ALA Council on November 30, 2023.

In the next Biennial Narrative Report (due February 15, 2026) the following items must be addressed:

- An update on curriculum revisions (Standard II.3)
- An update on the support for, and subscription of, curriculum concentrations (Standard II.3)
- Evaluation of the curriculum, with an update in particular on how employers and alumni (including members of traditionally underrepresented and historically underserved groups) have been engaged in the process (Standard II.5)
- An update on faculty compensation, taking into account both equitability and the ability to attract, support and retain personnel (Standard III.5)

For your information and planning, the schedule for reporting is as follows:

Report	Due date
Annual statistics 2024	February 15, 2025
Review the statistics the program makes available, per policy I.18.1 Statistical Reporting ; also made available in the Directory as the Student Achievement data weblink	February 15, 2025
Biennial Narrative Report addressing each standard	February 15, 2026

Please return this letter with the last page completed to acknowledge receipt.

The Committee on Accreditation appreciates this opportunity to remain apprised of developments in the program and extends best wishes for the remainder of the academic year.

Sincerely yours,



Gail K. Dickinson, Chair, ALA Committee on Accreditation

attachment: Acknowledgement Form

cc: Ken Hush, President, Emporia State University
 Gary Wyatt, Associate Provost & Dean, Emporia State University
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Acknowledgement Form

I acknowledge receipt of the response of the Committee on Accreditation.

Please mark all that apply:

- I accept the Committee's response without comment.
- I accept the Committee's response and will submit additional information or clarification in reports *as requested* by the Committee.
- I accept the Committee's response. The attached letter contains additional information or clarification in response to concerns named in the Committee's letter.
- I request a meeting with the Committee on Accreditation.

Name (type or print)

Title

Institution

Signature

Date