American Library Association
Committee on Accreditation

Accreditation Decisions and Actions Taken
Midwinter Meeting 2019, Seattle

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At its Midwinter Meeting, held January 26-27, 2019, the ALA Committee on Accreditation (COA) took the following actions:

Pittsburgh, and Southern Connecticut State University.

Approved ERP chairs for fall 2020 comprehensive review visits to University of Ottawa, Valdosta State University, and University of Washington.

Reports from programs

Reviewed and responded to one special report.

Committee Matters

Met separately with two programs at the request of the programs.

Reviewed and approved the following policy adjustment to Accreditation Process, Policies, and Procedures (AP3), fourth edition:

Section I.18.1 Statistical reporting:

Changed the section name from "Statistical reports" to "Statistical reporting" and inserted the following after the first paragraph:

Also reviewed are statistics the program makes available publicly on: 1) Retention rate, 2) Average time to degree completion, and 3) Percentage of graduates holding positions relevant to the degree within 12 months of degree completion (which may include further graduate study). Those three statistics are to be positioned first among a listing of any other data the program would like to include. This data is to be accessible no more than one click off the program landing page. Effective February 1, 2019, for full implementation by March 28, 2019.

Rationale: To address Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) requirement that programs "provide reliable information to the public on their performance, including student achievement as determined by the institution or program."

Reviewed and approved the inclusion of "Meets all standards" to program entries in the Directory of ALA-accredited Programs when programs require no follow-up reporting.

Rationale: To address Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) requirement that policies and procedures are in place to "inform the public of the basis for final decisions to grant or reaffirm accreditation."

Discussed plans of the Standards Review Subcommittee.

Discussed possible adjustments to the structure of6 (sm)4(dj of)3 (a2 (uli)-4341.15 Td15 Tdtin)rTw (pos)-1