
December 16, 2019

Ms. Karen L. O'Brien
Director, Office for Accreditation
American Library Association - Committee on Accreditation
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, IL 60611-2795

Dear Karen:

At its November 25, 2019 meeting, the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) Committee on Recognition reviewed the request for change of scope and the September 2019 Follow-up Report submitted by the American Library Association-Committee on Accreditation (ALA-COA). This is to inform you that the committee voted to accept the report. Additionally, the committee approved the requested change in scope.

The previously approved scope statement was:

Accredits master's programs in library and information studies offered under the degree-granting authority of institutions in the United States, its territories, possessions, and protectorates; in Canada by agreement with the Canadian Federation of Library Associations/Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques (CFLA-FCAB). (2017)

The new scope statement is:

Accredits master's programs in library and information studies offered under the degree-granting authority of institutions in the United States, its territories, possessions, and protectorates; in Canada by agreement with the Canadian Federation of Library Associations/Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques (CFLA-FCAB); and in the United Kingdom. (2019)

The committee appreciated the additional information that was provided regarding Standards 11.A.1, 11.B.1 and 12.D.3. The committee noted that ALA-COA adequately addresses and provides the reasons for its accreditation decisions on its website and in its directory of accredited programs (Standards 11.A.1 and 12.D.3). The committee further noted that the links provided by ALA-COA leading to readily accessible performance and student achievement data on accredited program websites work and are additionally accessible from ALA-COA's website (Standard 11.B.1).

As a reminder, ALA-COA needs to submit its Transition Framework Part 2 with additional responses to Standards 10.F and 12.J which were part of Transition Framework Part 1, by no later than January 3, 2020. The submission does not need to address Standard 11.A.1 as this standard was adequately addressed in the September 2019 Follow-up Report.

Please combine your responses for Transition Framework Part 2 and Transition Framework Part 1 (10.F and 12.J) into one report. As occurred with the April Transition Framework Part 1, staff will review and provide feedback on Transition Framework Part 2.

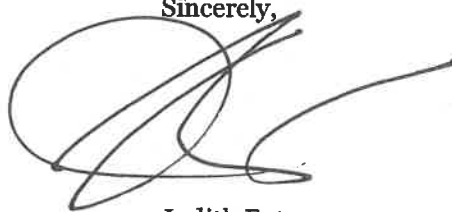
ALA-COA was recognized by CHEA in April 2013 for a period of 10 years. If ALA-COA is planning to seek subsequent recognition from CHEA, the *Guidelines* that accompany the 2019 recognition policy call for completion of the recognition process by the end of the final year of the current period of recognition (December 2023). All accreditors that are recognized by CHEA or seeking CHEA recognition are to meet all recognition standards in the newly revised 2019 policy.

Additionally, please be advised that feedback regarding the April 30, 2019 Transition Framework Part 1 will be provided under separate cover.

If you have any questions regarding the committee action or the recognition process, please contact Lori Schroeder, Vice President for Recognition Services, at 202.372.9254 or schroeder@chea.org.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Judith Eaton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Judith Eaton
President

cc: Lori Schroeder, Vice President for Recognition Services