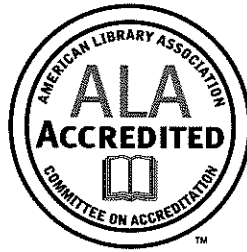


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January 25, 2009

Andrew Wertheimer, Chair
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Dear Dr. Wertheimer:

On behalf of the Committee on Accreditation (COA) of the American Library Association, I write to inform you that the Committee voted to grant continued accreditation status to the program leading to the degree of Master of Library and Information Science at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. The next comprehensive review is scheduled for fall 2015 unless evidence persuades COA that the review should be conducted at an earlier or later date. The accreditation status of this program explicitly includes all sites offering courses that are part of the program listed above.

This decision was made at the Committee meeting on January 25, 2009. The decision was based on the Program Presentation, the External Review Panel Report, all of the reports the program submitted to the Committee since the last comprehensive review, and the January 24, 2009 meeting with you and Mary Elizabeth (Ma'lis) Wendt, Chair of the External Review Panel.

The decision to grant continued accreditation to the program is based on the "totality of the accomplishment and the environment for learning...rather than from a consideration of the isolated particulars" (*Standards*, p. 5).

In your next Biennial Narrative Report, please report on your efforts to broaden the scope of your curriculum to reflect the needs of the "evolving demands of the job market for librarians and other information professionals" (LIS Strategic Goal 1, Responses to 9/19/09 Queries from COA Review Panel).

The Committee would also encourage you to continue the level of technical support for the program to further program innovation and development.

Please note that future reports must address the *Standards for Accreditation* adopted by ALA Council on January 15, 2008. The 2008 *Standards* are available from the website, and a print version is enclosed.

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

December 1, 2009	Annual Statistical Report
December 1, 2010	Biennial Narrative Report and Annual Statistical Report

The Committee thanks all those who provided information and participated in the evaluation process. The cooperation of those associated with the program and with the University of Hawaii at Manoa enabled us to facilitate the review of your program. We appreciate your cooperation in the on-going evaluation, assessment, and review process of accreditation and we encourage you to continue your efforts.

In particular, the Committee appreciates the resiliency and responsiveness of the program and community in the face of natural disaster and the challenges that followed.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Rubin, Chair
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