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Dear Mr. Ingles:

On behalf of the Committee on Accreditation (COA/the Committee) of the American Library Association (ALA), 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 Studies at the University of Alberta. The accreditation status of this program explicitly includes all sites offering courses that are part of the program listed above.

The next comprehensive review visit is scheduled for spring 2020 unless evidence persuades COA that the review should be conducted at an earlier or later date.

This decision was made at the Committee meeting on June 29, 2013. 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 June 29, 2013, meeting with Ernie Ingles, Fern Snart, Brianna Erban, and Christine Jacobs, Chair of the External Review Panel.

The decision to grant continued accreditation to the program was 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 the next biennial narrative report, due December 1, 2013, please report on the progress of:

- The search for a permanent Director [Standard V.3];
- The formal comprehensive framework/schedule for student learning assessment, including the integration of student learning outcomes at course and program levels [Introduction and Standard II.7]; and
- Student recruitment from underserved communities [Standard IV.1].

In addition, going forward, please report on the impact on the accredited program of the online mode of delivery planned for launch in fall 2013 as it relates to all standards (*Standards*, Introduction, p. 2, "The requirements of these Standards apply regardless of forms or locations of delivery of a program.").

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

Report	Due date
Annual Statistical Report	December 1, 2013
Biennial Narrative Report	December 1, 2013

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 Alberta enabled us to facilitate the review of your program. We appreciate your cooperation in the ongoing evaluation, assessment, and review process of accreditation and we encourage you to continue your efforts.

Sincerely,



Brian Andrew, Chair
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cc: Indira Samarasekera, President, University of Alberta
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