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ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR PROGRAMS IN HOSPITALITY ADMINISTRATION

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Dear Dr. McMahan;

Thank you for the cooperation of you and your colleagues during the recent review of your Program's application for continued accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration (ACPHA).

Copies of the Program's self-study and exhibits, the site visitation team report, and the Program's response to the site team report were reviewed by designated Primary and Secondary Readers. Copies of the site team report and the Program's response to the site team report were also provided to all Commissioners. The Primary and Secondary Readers led the discussion for the program in Executive Session.

The Commission voted to grant continued accreditation for seven years (Winter 2014 – Winter 2021) to the Park, Recreation and Hospitality Administration Department at Arkansas Tech University.

The Commission noted that the Program had responded to each of the following:

1. Several of the unmet standards sections that called for documentation have provided evidence that the processes are in place and are being utilized by PRHA
2. Evidence of a timeline for implementation of the Assessment Plan and the steps within it are being utilized has been provided.
3. The meeting minute template, and the process that will or has been developed to record and retain documentation is in place.
4. The University's forms for implementation of the Assessment Plan and the steps within it to show a timeline have been completed and is being implemented.

As part of granting continued accreditation, the Commission requests that the Program

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provide the following electronically to the ACPHA Office by June 1, 2016:

1. Provide documentation of approval and implementation of curriculum changes.
2. Provide results of Senior Survey.
3. Provide standard syllabus template.

Should you have any questions regarding the response required, please contact Dr. Fenwick at the ACPHA office (1-410-226-5527) or via e-mail at [acpha@atlanticbb.net](mailto:acpha@atlanticbb.net).

I extend to you on behalf of the full Commission our sincere congratulations on this significant achievement of the Park, Recreation and Hospitality Administration Department at Arkansas Tech University.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Lolli". The signature is stylized with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke.

Jeff Lolli, Ed.D. CHE, CHIA  
Chair of the Commission

Cc: Dr. Robin Bowen, President  
Dr. A.J. Anglin, Vice-President of Academic Affairs  
Dr. Douglas Barlow, Dean