



October 14, 2015

Mr. Clif Smart
Chief Executive Officer
Missouri State University
Carrington Hall, Room 221
Springfield, MO 65897

Dear Mr. Smart:

This is to report that the Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism, and Related Professions (COAPRT), at its meeting on September 13, 2015 in Las Vegas, NV approved continuing accreditation of the Missouri State University, Recreation Sport and Park Administration Program until 2022 with the requirement of additional information and/or minor revisions.

The Council approved the following commendations:

- Missouri State University's commitment to academic excellence as evidenced by over 27 years of COAPRT accreditation.
- Program is commended for excellent faculty engagement with students in the areas of academic and career advising. Faculty maintains master advising status which requires annual continuing education. (Standard 5.04:01, 5.04:02)
- In-depth experiential learning opportunities are designed into the curriculum. Students are required to complete four service learning experiences as well as a practicum and internship. (Standard 5.05)
- Outstanding alumni and practitioner support. Local practitioners serve as internship supervisors, student mentors, and experiential learning supervisors. (Standard 3.05)

Additionally, the Council requires the following information and/or minor revisions to be sent electronically to COAPRT@nrpa.org.

- Program should provide an updated assessment plan reflecting the 2015-2016 academic year to include results and evidence of how results will be used to impact the curriculum. (Standard 7.0 Series) Response due August 1, 2016

Your institution's accreditation by the COAPRT is valid until the program's next review in the fall of 2022. Prior to the fall of 2022 the program will submit an updated self-study for review by Council. If deemed in accordance with COAPRT Accreditation Standards, the program can expect an accreditation visit between the months of September 2021 and February 2022.

The Council is pleased to maintain Missouri State University, Recreation Sport and Park Administration Program on the list of accredited institutions. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda".

Brenda B. Beales
Awards and Accreditation Manager

cc: Dr. Keith Ernce