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Dear Dr. Sánchez-Lugo:

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 Master of Information Sciences program at the University of Puerto Rico. The next comprehensive review visit is scheduled for spring 2022 unless the COA is persuaded to take other action in the interim. 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 June 28, 2015. 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 27, 2015, meeting with you, Luisa Vigo-Cepeda, and Eileen Abels, member 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*, Introduction).

From this point forward, all reporting must address the revised *Standards for Accreditation* adopted by ALA Council on February 2, 2015. Electronic versions of the 2015 *Standards* are available at [ala.org/accreditation](http://ala.org/accreditation). The spreadsheet that maps the 2008 *Standards* to the 2015 *Standards* may be especially helpful in the transition. Printed booklets are available upon request to [accred@ala.org](mailto:accred@ala.org).

In the next Biennial Narrative Report due December 1, 2015, please report on the efforts underway to assess attainment of program goals, program objectives and student learning outcomes (Standard I.1.2) and improvements made based on analysis of assessment data.

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

Report	Due date
Annual statistical Report	December 1, 2015
Biennial Narrative Report	December 1, 2015

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 Puerto Rico 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,



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