

October 29, 2015

Dr. Scott Scarborough
President
University of Akron
301 Buchtel Commons
Akron, OH 44325

Dear President Scarborough:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning University of Akron by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on October 26, 2015. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with HLC.

Action with Interim Monitoring. IAC concurred with the evaluation findings and affirmed that the institution is addressing the concerns related to (a) relationship and roles of faculty in shared institutional governance and (b) assessment of student learning in general education and in undergraduate and graduate majors. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring.

Embedded Monitoring. Year 4 Assurance Review and Comprehensive Evaluation will include an embedded monitoring report on both shared governance and student learning assessment.

Rationale: While the institution has made some progress on concerns associated with assessment, requiring the comprehensive team to review this topic again in the upcoming Year 4 Assurance Review and Comprehensive evaluation will help to keep the institution on track to resolving any outstanding concerns. IAC determined that, although the institution has made progress on shared governance and assessment of student learning, concerns remain about the sustainability of this progress.

In two weeks, this action will be added to the *Institutional Status and Requirements (ISR) Report*, a resource for Accreditation Liaison Officers to review and manage information regarding the institution's accreditation relationship. Accreditation Liaison Officers may request the ISR Report on HLC's website at <http://www.hlcommission.org/isr-request>.

Information on notifying the public of this action is available at <http://www.hlcommission.org/HLC-Institutions/institutional-reporting-of-actions.html>.

If you have any questions about these documents after viewing them, please contact the institution's staff liaison Mary Vanis. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Barbara Gellman-Danley
President

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