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May 5, 2017

Ms. Virginia Arthur
President
Metropolitan State University
700 East Seventh Street
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Dear President Arthur:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Metropolitan State University by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on May 1, 2017. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with HLC.

Action with Interim Monitoring. IAC continued the accreditation of Metropolitan State University with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in or before 2026-27. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring.

Interim Report: An interim monitoring report due 8/15/2017 documenting the creation and implementation of an attendance policy in relation to Federal Compliance as noted within that report, including the policy, location on the web site and a few sample syllabi with the policy contained.

Interim Report: An interim report due 6/30/2018 on consistency of syllabi across modalities and on program level student learning outcome assessment. The report should show that syllabi for the same course taught online and face-to-face share student learning outcomes, but are appropriately designed to achieve those outcomes equally well in the two different learning environments. The report should also show that each academic program has its own set of student learning outcomes, measures for those outcomes and the capacity to analyze and act upon the results.

Rationale: The Team found in its review of the Federal Compliance Report that the institution's attendance policies did not meet HLC expectations. The Team also presented evidence based on review of syllabi that some online courses had not been appropriately designed to achieve the same outcomes as the same course offered face-to-face. The Team further asserted that the institution does not have student-learning outcomes for some individual programs. In the absence of an institutional response, the IAC supports a report demonstrating that those exist, or have been implemented since the visit.

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 Tom Bordenkircher. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Barbara Gellman-Danley".

Barbara Gellman-Danley
President

CC: ALO