

March 20, 2020

Mr. John Flicker
President
Prescott College
220 Grove Avenue
Prescott, AZ 86301-2912

Dear President Flicker:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Prescott College by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on March 16, 2020. 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 Prescott College, with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2029-30. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring:

Interim Report. Interim report due 1/29/2021: A calendar specifying when each academic program will undergo a complete program review according to the expectations on page 16 of the Assessment Handbook and at least two completed academic program reviews.

Further, IAC voted to change the team's evaluation of 5C from "Met with Concerns" to "Met".

Rationale: The institution addressed the concerns of the team in its response. Changing 5C from "Met with Concerns" to "Met" removes the need for two reports: interim report due 1/29/2021 on the process for and resulting strategic plan with benchmarks, and interim report due 11/30/2021 on updated enrollment management models. Due to past and current changes in the institution's environment, it may be beneficial to better define its process for implementing a strategic plan and any related benchmarks. The institution may also benefit by better clarifying how it would strategically adapt to the changing landscape of higher education, including demographic changes for both undergraduate and on-line programs, potential economic concerns such as a recession, and potential localized financial concerns such as a drop in enrollment due to other, less well-articulated factors. Finally, it may also consider how it plans to develop a sustainable financial aid plan for students.

The institution may also consider updating its assumption models that include yield on applicants, program specific enrollment data, and 3-year projections, and an updated budget model. This may aid the institution in continuing to evolve its integrated reporting system that directly connects to planning.

In taking this action, the IAC considered materials from the most recent evaluation and the institutional response (if applicable) to the evaluation findings.

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 <https://www.hlcommission.org/isr-request>.

Within the next 30 days, HLC will also publish information about this action on its website at <https://www.hlcommission.org/Student-Resources/recent-actions.html>.

Please note: Revisions to HLC's Criteria for Accreditation will go into effect on September 1, 2020. Institutions will be evaluated against the revised Criteria for all reviews conducted after that date, including reviews related to previously assigned monitoring. Institutional reports submitted after September 1, 2020, that reference the Criteria should be written to the revised version. More information about the revised Criteria, including a crosswalk between the current and revised versions, is available on HLC's website at <https://www.hlcommission.org/criteria>.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Gellman-Danley".

Barbara Gellman-Danley
President

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