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July 21, 2023

Dr. Laurie Nichols  
President  
Black Hills State University  
1200 University Ave.  
Spearfish, SD 57799

Dear President Nichols:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Black Hills State University (the institution) by the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) at its meeting on July 17, 2023. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with HLC.

**Action.** IAC continued the accreditation of Black Hills State University with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2032-33.

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 the institution to review and manage information regarding its accreditation relationship. Chief Executive Officers and Accreditation Liaison Officers may download the ISR Report in Canopy at <https://canopy.hlcommission.org>.

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>.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Gellman-Danley".

Barbara Gellman-Danley  
President

cc: Amy Fuqua, Accreditation Liaison Officer  
Andrew Lootens-White, HLC Staff Liaison