

January 29, 2021

Mr. Grafton Nunes  
President and CEO  
Cleveland Institute of Art  
11610 Euclid Ave  
Cleveland, OH 44106

Dear President Nunes:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Cleveland Institute of Art by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on January 25, 2021. 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 Cleveland Institute of Art with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2030-31. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring.

**Interim Report.** An Interim Report due 12/1/2021: a report that articulates a process for evaluating and supporting adjunct faculty. This policy should identify resources for supporting the work of adjuncts, and additional means of evaluating faculty (outside of the end-of-semester student surveys).

**Interim Report.** An Interim Report due 05/31/2023: a report that describes the status of the implementation of the program review process (including possible completed or in-process reviews) so it can be determined that CIA maintains a practice of regular program reviews and acts upon the findings. Status should include overview; components of the review; a schedule for implementation; and identification of other components of the review, such as required or optional external reviews.

**Interim Report.** An Interim Report due 05/31/2023: that describes the status of the implementation of the assessment process (including completed assessment activities and reports to date) so it can be determined that CIA has effective processes of assessment in place to measure student learning and development. Status should include a curriculum matrix for all programs including identifying learning outcomes and where they are located in the curricular arc; a template for regularized assessment reports; and a plan for disseminating results.

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

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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 Linnea Stenson. 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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