

July 30, 2020

Dr. Adam Weinberg  
President  
Denison University  
100 W. College Street  
Granville, OH 43023

Dear President Weinberg:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Denison University by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on July 27, 2020. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with HLC.

**Action:** IAC continued the accreditation of Denison University with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2029-30.

Further, IAC voted to change the team's evaluation of Criterion 4.B from "Met with Concerns" to "Met" with no monitoring required.

**Rationale:** In its institutional response, Denison University included its Core Student Learning Outcomes Report Annual Assessment Report for Fall 2019. The report provides evidence that four of the six learning outcomes are assessed using direct measures in addition to the indirect measures cited by the review team. In the opinion of the IAC Reviewers, Denison University has made advances in its assessment process and provided evidence they have direct measures of student learning. While the IAC Reviewers concur with the Visiting Team's recommendation to reaffirm accreditation, it disagrees with the need for an embedded monitoring report within the year four review.

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>.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Gellman-Danley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B'.

Barbara Gellman-Danley  
President

CC: ALO