

February 26, 2024

Dr. Tisa Mason
President
Fort Hays State University
600 Park Street
Hays, KS 67601

Dear President Mason:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Fort Hays State University (the institution) by the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) at its meeting on February 21, 2024. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with HLC.

Action. IAC continued the accreditation of Fort Hays State University with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2033-34.

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

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

Rationale: In reviewing the materials from the team and institution, IAC noted the institution completed a large revision to the core curriculum and has been revamping assessment processes. The institution successfully completed a Quality Initiative project on how to implement meaningful assessment across its campus. All the evidence shows the institution knows what needs to be done and it has a good track record for completing its initiatives.

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, Steph Brzuzy. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Barbara Gellman-Danley
President

cc: Angela Pool-Funai, Accreditation Liaison Officer
Steph Brzuzy, HLC Staff Liaison