

June 7, 2019

Dr. Keith Cornille  
President  
Heartland Community College  
1500 West Raab Road  
Normal, IL 61761

Dear President Cornille:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Heartland Community College by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on June 3, 2019. 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 Heartland Community College with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2028-29. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring:

**Interim Report.** An Interim Report due 1/10/2020 on Assessment.

IAC modified the team's interim report request so that the institution should amend its assessment plan to include academic program-specific assessment along with its institutional Essential Competencies assessments. This plan should document, as stated in the institution's response, each academic program's learning outcomes, its assessment plan, and collection and review of data at the department level and how the institution collects, interprets, and acts on these assessments.

**Rationale:** The concern of the visiting team seems to be the lack of academic program-specific assessment of learning outcomes. The institutional response provides evidence that program assessment is required through institutional Essential Competencies. Institutional oversight of program-specific learning outcomes assessment is planned by including it in the program review process. Documentation/evidence of these program-specific assessments and their administration is needed, which will be provided in the modified reporting request.

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>.

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If you have any questions about these documents after viewing them, please contact the institution's staff liaison Barbara Johnson. 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