

December 18, 2020

Dr. Deborah Curtis
President
Indiana State University
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Dear President Curtis:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Indiana State University by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on December 14, 2020. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with HLC.

Action. IAC continued the accreditation of Indiana State University with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2030-31.

Further, IAC voted to change the team's evaluation of Criterion 5.C 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: The institution provided evidence in its response to support changing Criterion 5.C from Met with Concerns to Met, removing the interim monitoring requirement. In its response the institution provided evidence of a long-standing and successful budgeting process, including operating reserves, which include preparation for unexpected declines in budgeted tuition revenue and evaluations of the efficacy and efficiency of existing administrative functions that would include marketing for and support of online and non-traditional students. Furthermore, the institution has generated a budget surplus for a number of years and is poised to continue to do so even in the midst of the pandemic. While COVID-19 melt has exacerbated recent enrollment declines, the institution appears poised to continue to build conservative budgets based on three-year average actual enrollment data plus a three-year average return rate. The requested interim report was to address the financial stability of the institution and its recognition of external factors that might affect stability. Based on IAC's review of all documentation, the institution has addressed the review team's concerns in its institutional response.

In early January, 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

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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 Andrew Lootens-White. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Gellman-Danley".

Barbara Gellman-Danley
President

CC: ALO