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February 26, 2024

Dr. John Porter
President
Lindenwood University
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Dear President Porter:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Lindenwood 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 with Interim Monitoring. IAC continued the accreditation of Lindenwood University with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2033-34. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring.

Interim Report. An Interim Report due 9/1/2024 on federal compliance.

Further, IAC voted to change the team's evaluation of Criterion 2.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: Since the evaluation visit the institution revised materials on its website and the website of the Dorsey entities to better explain the relationship and demonstrate that the institution is a separate component with its own accreditation. Furthermore, a more complete explanation appears on the institution's website showing that no funds from the endowment were used to purchase Dorsey. Some endowment assets did serve to secure a bridge loan which has now been handled in a different manner, thereby eliminating any involvement with the foundation funds. The institution's response documented the changes that have been made since the team's visit and IAC reviewed the institution's website to confirm the changes have been made which address the team's concerns related to Core Component 2B.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Gellman-Danley".

Barbara Gellman-Danley
President

cc: Bethany Alden-Rivers, Accreditation Liaison Officer
Steph Brzuzy, HLC Staff Liaison