



SHOW-CAUSE ORDER
Marygrove College
Detroit, MI
Effective: September 25, 2017

Based on a recent review of Marygrove College (“the College”), the Board of Trustees (“the Board”) of the Higher Learning Commission (“HLC” or “the Commission”) determined that the College is out of compliance with one or more of the Criteria for Accreditation and related Core Components and issued a Show-Cause Order to the College. The Show-Cause Order is effective the date the action was taken by the Board, September 25, 2017. The areas of concern identified in the Board’s action are summarized below. The College remains an accredited institution during the Show-Cause period.

The Board determined that the College is out of compliance with the following Core Components of the Criteria for Accreditation:

- **Criterion One, Core Component 1.A:** “the institution’s mission is broadly understood within the institution and guides its operations”
- **Criterion One, Core Component 1.B:** “the mission is articulated publicly”
- **Criterion Two, Core Component 2.B:** “the institution presents itself clearly and completely to its students and to the public with regard to its programs, requirements, faculty and staff, costs to students, control, and accreditation relationships”
- **Criterion Two, Core Component 2.C:** “the governing board of the institution is sufficiently autonomous to make decisions in the best interest of the institution and to assure its integrity”
- **Criterion Three, Core Component 3.C:** “the institution has the faculty and staff needed for effective, high-quality programs and student services”
- **Criterion Three, Core Component 3.E:** “the institution fulfills the claims it makes for an enriched educational environment”
- **Criterion Four, Core Component 4.C:** “the institution demonstrates a commitment to educational improvement through ongoing attention to retention, persistence, and completion rates in its degree and certificate programs”
- **Criterion Five, Core Component 5.A:** “the institution’s resource base supports its current educational programs and its plans for maintaining and strengthening their quality in the future”
- **Criterion Five, Core Component 5.B:** “the institution’s governance and administrative structures promote effective leadership and support collaborative processes that enable the institution to fulfill its mission”
- **Criterion Five, Core Component 5.C:** “the institution engages in systematic and integrated planning”

In addition, the Board determined that the College met the following Core Components with concerns:

- **Criterion One, Core Component 1.D:** “the institution’s mission demonstrates commitment to the public good”
- **Criterion Two, Core Component 2.A:** “the institution operates with integrity in its financial, academic, personnel, and auxiliary functions; it establishes and follows policies and processes for fair and ethical behavior on the part of its governing board,

- administration, faculty, and staff”
- **Criterion Three, Core Component 3.D:** “the institution provides support for student learning and effective teaching”
 - **Criterion Five, Core Component 5.D:** “the institution works systematically to improve its performance”

Therefore, the HLC Board of Trustees hereby orders the College to Show Cause as to why its accreditation should not be withdrawn.

The College is required to present its case for accreditation by means of a Show-Cause Report due January 1, 2018, or at least eight weeks prior to the Show-Cause Evaluation Visit, which will validate the contents of the report. The report must provide substantive evidence that the College has ameliorated each concern identified by the Board, and document that the College meets each of the Criteria for Accreditation and related Core Components, as well as the Assumed Practices and Federal Compliance Requirements.

The College will host the Show-Cause Evaluation visit no later than February 2018, which will validate the contents of the Show-Cause Report and determine if each of the concerns identified by the Board in this action have been fully ameliorated and if all the Criteria for Accreditation and Core Components, Assumed Practices, and Federal Compliance Requirements are met by the College.

The Show-Cause Order will remain in effect until the Board reviews the College’s Show-Cause Report, the Show-Cause Evaluation Team Report, and the College’s response to the Show-Cause Evaluation Team Report at its June 2018 meeting. Should the College be unable to establish, to the satisfaction of the Board, that the College has ameliorated each concern identified by the Board and that the College meets each of the Criteria for Accreditation and Core Components, the Board will move to withdraw the accreditation of the College at its June 2018 meeting on grounds related to the College’s compliance with any of the Criteria for Accreditation or Core Components. If the Board determines that the College has ameliorated each concern and that it meets the Criteria for Accreditation and related Core Components, the Board will establish a date for the next comprehensive evaluation, as well as any other monitoring of the College.

This Order and its contents are public, and information about the College’s relationship with the Commission is posted on the HLC website. The Action Letter imposing Show-Cause is also available to the public. The Commission will make these documents available on the HLC website. The College must also post this Order prominently on its website, inform its governing board, administrators, faculty, staff, students, and prospective students of this Order, and disclose the existence of this Order whenever an interested party inquires about the College’s accreditation status.

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