

September 18, 2017

Dr. Randy Smith President Sisseton Wahpeton College Agency Village Box 689 Sisseton, SD 57262

Dear President Smith:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Sisseton Wahpeton College by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on September 11, 2017. 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 Sisseton Wahpeton College with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2027-28. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring.

Interim Report. Interim Report due 12/30/2017 on Federal Compliance areas including Title IV disclosures.

**Interim Reports.** Interim Report due 9/30/2018 and 9/30/2019 on program review, student completion outcomes, assessment of co-curricular activities, persistence and completion, and improvement goals in non-academic programs.

The reports should include 4.A, 4.B, 4.C, 5.D areas identified by the team that the institution is addressing, implementation of any processes, and how the college is gaining commitment from all stakeholders to help in the designated areas. Also, the reports should include the data the institution is collecting and how the institution is utilizing the data for the betterment of its programs.

**Rationale:** IAC voted to add an additional report to address and develop the implementation of an ongoing, aggressive assessment monitoring process showing that the institution does understand how assessments are utilized. IAC further recommends that should the September 30, 2018 report not be satisfactory to the Commission, that a focused visit shall be scheduled within six months of the report review for areas deemed to be in non-compliance with HLC criteria, policy and/or practice.

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 http://www.hlcommission.org/isr-request.

Information on notifying the public of this action is available at http://www.hlcommission.org/HLC-Institutions/institutional-reporting-of-actions.html.

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If you have any questions about these documents after viewing them, please contact the institution's staff liaison Eric Martin. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Barbara Hellman Dalley

Barbara Gellman-Danley President

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