



May 13, 2015

Dr. Connie J. Gores  
President  
Southwest Minnesota State University  
President's Office - SMSU  
1501 State Street  
Marshall, MN 56258-1598

Dear President Gores:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Southwest Minnesota State University by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on May 4, 2015. 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 Southwest Minnesota State University with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2024-25. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring.

**Focused Visit.** A Visit in Spring 2017 on assessment of student learning outcomes and evidence of a university-wide assessment system to inform decisions at both the undergraduate and graduate levels as well as a full cycle of assessment of the LEP or general education.

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>.

At this time, the Commission will reassign the institution from its liaison Vice President Barbara Johnson to Vice President Mary Vanis. If you have any questions or concerns about the information in this letter, please contact Dr. Vanis. Please be assured that Dr. Vanis will work with Dr. Johnson to create a smooth transition.

Sincerely,

Barbara Gellman-Danley  
President

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