



March 10, 2014

Dr. Sherry Allison, President
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I am pleased to send you this letter in formal notification of the action concerning Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (“the Institute”) taken by the Higher Learning Commission Board of Trustees (“the Board”). At its meeting on February 27, 2014, the Board voted to grant initial accreditation to the Institute. In taking this action, the Board considered the self-study submitted by the Institute, the report of the comprehensive evaluation team, the report of the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) hearing committee, and the Institute’s responses to these reports.

The Institute is assigned to the Standard Pathway for its initial ten-year cycle. An institution in its first cycle of accreditation undergoes a comprehensive evaluation and is considered for reaffirmation of accreditation in Year 4 of the ten-year cycle. If reaffirmation of accreditation is granted in Year 4, the institution moves to Year 5 and continues on the Standard Pathway until it completes the ten-year cycle. Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute will host its first review for Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2017-18.

The Board’s action resulted in changes to the Statement of Affiliation Status (SAS). The SAS is a summary of an institution’s ongoing relationship with the Commission. Some of the information from this document, such as the dates of the last and next comprehensive evaluation visits, will be posted to the Commission’s website. The Organizational Profile (OP), which includes information about the educational offerings of an institution, will also be posted to the Commission’s website.

Information about notifying the public of this action is available at <http://ncahlc.org/Information-for-Institutions/institutional-reporting-of-actions.html>. In addition, Commission policy COMM.A.10.010, Commission Public Notices and Statements, requires that the Commission prepare a summary of actions to be sent to appropriate state and federal agencies and accrediting associations, and published on its website. The summary will include the Commission Board action regarding the Institute. The Institute may choose to prepare statements to its constituencies regarding this action; I ask that you copy your liaison, Vice President Andrew Lootens-White, on any such communication.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I offer our congratulations.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Manning

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President

cc: Chair of the Board of Trustees of Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute
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