

January 30, 2017

Dr. Laurence Alexander
Chancellor
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Dear Chancellor Alexander:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on January 23, 2017. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with HLC.

Action. Action. IAC continued the accreditation of University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2026-27. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring.

Interim Report. An Interim report due 10/15/2018 on student outcomes and enrollment plans (4C).

Further, IAC voted to change the team's evaluation of Criterion 2B, 3C, and 4B from "Met with Concerns" to "Met" with the following evidence:

2B Met: The team conclusion of "Met with Concerns" rests on having an outdated catalog on the website even though a current version exists. The team also felt that some information within the catalog could have been more clear. IAC did not agree that this rose to the level of needing interim monitoring and instead determined the issue needs institutional attention.

3C Met: The team conclusion of "Met with Concerns" rests with the weighting of areas for faculty evaluation not written out although the team notes that there seems to be an understanding of the expectation through conversations with members of the faculty and administration. IAC did not agree that this rose to the level of needing interim monitoring and instead determined the issue needs institutional attention.

4B Met: The team conclusion of "Met with Concerns" is based on the institution having only two years of solid assessment data and on the institution not having a centralized system of recording student complaints. It is noted that the assessment process is working within a new plan and there is two "solid" years of assessment data. It was noted that student complaints are collected but that analysis is not robust due to it being non-centralized. IAC did not agree that this rose to the level of needing interim monitoring but determined it can be reviewed again at the time of the next assurance review in four years.

Rationale: IAC concludes that areas of concern noted from 2B and 3C do not reach the level of met with concern. It was noted for 2B that the catalog is complete although not on the website and in 3C faculty and administration have an understanding of how tenure components are weighted. In 4B, an assessment plan is in place although there was only two years of data.

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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>.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Gellman-Danley".

Barbara Gellman-Danley
President

CC: ALO