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January 13, 2023

Mr. Richard Dunsworth
President
University of the Ozarks
415 N. College Avenue
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Dear President Dunsworth:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning University of the Ozarks by the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) at its meeting on January 10, 2023. 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 University of the Ozarks with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2032-33. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring.

Embedded Report. Embedded Report in the next Year 4 Assurance Review in 2026-27 that includes: 1) an update on progress related to the overall assessment of academic programs to include annual update reports and how the data is being used; 2) an update of the assessment of the LENS curriculum and ISLOs; 3) an update on cocurricular assessments.

Embedded Report. Embedded Report in the next Year 4 Assurance Review in 2026-27 that provides 1) an update on retention data, and 2) progress on an action plan to increase retention. The institution should identify the specific cohort groups for analyses related to retention and graduation rates.

In taking this action, the IAC considered materials from the most recent evaluation and the institutional response (if applicable) to the evaluation findings.

Rationale: The institution requested the interim report dates be aligned with the upcoming Year 4 review and IAC voted to move the report dates. Further, IAC voted to allow the institution to identify specific cohort groups for analyses related to retention and other topics. The list provided by the visiting team should be used as a guide rather than a requirement.

In two weeks, this action will be added to the *Institutional Status and Requirements (ISR) Report*, a resource for the institution to review and manage information regarding its accreditation relationship. Chief Executive Officers and Accreditation Liaison Officers may download the ISR Report in Canopy at <https://canopy.hlcommission.org>.

Within the next 30 days, HLC will also publish information about this action on its website at <https://www.hlcommission.org/Student-Resources/recent-actions>.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Gellman-Danley".

Barbara Gellman-Danley
President

cc: Steve Oatis, Accreditation Liaison Officer
Tom Bordenkircher, HLC Staff Liaison