

March 18, 2015

Dr. Charles T. Menghini
President
VanderCook College of Music
3140 S. Federal St.
Chicago, IL 60616

Dear President Menghini:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning VanderCook College of Music by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on March 9, 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 VanderCook College of Music with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2024-25. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring

Interim Monitoring. An Interim report due 4/1/17 focused on the progress on the following topics: (1) General Education: articulation of learning outcome statements for general education and progress on effective assessment of general education; (2) Graduate Education: a clear differentiation of undergraduate and graduate learning and creation of a formal approval process for MECA courses; and (3) Research Education: a more rigorous review process for the use of human subjects in research projects and articulation of expectations for faculty scholarly activity in periodic evaluation.

Rationale: A single report is sufficient to address all three issues identified by the team. Emphasis on research education is contrary to mission of this single purpose institution.

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 Sunil Ahuja. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Barbara Gellman-Danley
President

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