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August 30, 2024

Dr. Debra West
Chancellor
Arkansas State University Mid-South
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Dear Chancellor West:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Arkansas State University Mid-South (the institution) by the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) at its meeting on August 26, 2024. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with HLC.

Action. IAC continued the accreditation of Arkansas State University Mid-South with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2033-34.

Further, IAC changed the team's evaluation of Criterion 4.B from "Met with Concerns" to "Met" with no monitoring required including the requirement for faculty qualifications.

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

Rationale: The institution provided a thorough, detailed response with evidence that it fulfills criterion 4B; and the institution's assurance argument provides adequate evidence that it has met criterion 4B.

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>.

Please note: Revisions to HLC's Criteria for Accreditation and Assumed Practices will go into effect on September 1, 2025. Institutions will be evaluated against these revised HLC requirements for all reviews conducted after that date, including reviews related to previously assigned monitoring. Institutional reports submitted on or after September 1, 2025, or institutional reports or Assurance Arguments for visits that will take place on or after September 1, 2025, should be written to the revised version of the Criteria or Assumed Practices as applicable. More information, including a crosswalk between the current and revised versions of the Criteria, is available on HLC's website at <https://www.hlcommission.org/criteria>.

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: Emilee Sides, Accreditation Liaison Officer
Tom Bordenkircher, HLC Staff Liaison