

June 9, 2023

Dr. Jack Thomas
President
Central State University
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Dear President Thomas:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Central State University (the institution) by the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) at its meeting on June 5, 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 Central State University with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2032-33. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring.

Interim Report. An Interim Report due 7/1/2023 on the following:

1. Federal Compliance: Report graduate follow-up on 2022 and 2023 graduates including the following data: number of graduates employed in and out of field of study and full or part-time employment, number seeking employment, number continuing education, number serving in military, number unemployed.
2. Audited FY22 financials.

Interim Report. An Interim Report due 7/1/2024 providing an enrollment report on the following:

1. An analysis of current enrollment including agreed definitions of student types (residential, commuter, on-line, first-time-full-time, part-time, traditional, non-traditional, etc.)
2. An analysis of institutional capacity to deliver face-to-face, hybrid, and on-line education as well as housing of residential students.
3. Enrollment goals by student type for future semesters and data to support those goals at least three years out and connected with revenue projections.

Interim Report. An Interim Report due 7/1/2025 on the following:

1. data on student use of the support services, information on any programming changes in response to assessment of the new units and student retention in those areas.
2. enrollment and retention trends with links to 2023 initiatives and any outcomes related to those initiatives.
3. Samples of program reviews that have gone through the shared governance process
4. How program reviews are being used to improve academic programs and financial stability
5. Explanation of how the institution plans to address high turnover rates and document how the institution is showing results
6. Plan to monitor graduate follow-up including within the work for or post graduate employment (including statistics by cohorts)

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

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,



Barbara Gellman-Danley
President

cc: Denise Sharp, Accreditation Liaison Officer
Tom Bordenkircher, HLC Staff Liaison