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Dr. Mark Lombardi  
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Dear President Lombardi:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Maryville University of St. Louis (the institution) by the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) at its meeting on May 12, 2025. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with HLC.

**Action with Interim Monitoring.** IAC continued and reaffirmed the accreditation of Maryville University of St. Louis with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2034-35.

Further, IAC changed the team's evaluation of Core Component 4.B from "Met" to "Met with Concerns" and required interim monitoring.

**Embedded Monitoring.** Embedded monitoring in the Year 4 Assurance Review on assessment (Core Component 4.B).

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 as noted by the visiting team in its report indicates that there are many tools and processes in the works regarding assessment but there are still inconsistencies in data gathering, analysis and feedback loops. Current gaps in the assessment process reflect an emerging process with future systems still being developed and implemented. While it is understood this is a continuous improvement process it appears the institution is still emerging albeit effectively, from the concerns raised in 2019 from monitoring.

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, Karen Solomon. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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

Barbara Gellman-Danley  
President

cc: Sue Henderson, Accreditation Liaison Officer  
Karen Solomon, HLC Staff Liaison