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July 19, 2024

Mr. Shane Smeed
President
Park University
8700 N.W. River Park Dr.
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Dear President Smeed:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Park University (the institution) by the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) at its meeting on July 16, 2024. 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 Park University with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2033-34. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring.

Interim Report. An Interim Report due 1/31/2025 on student success and enrollment planning.

Interim Report. An Interim Report due 5/31/2025 on strategic/operational planning and shared governance.

Focused Visit. A focused visit by 6/1/2025 on finances, student success, enrollment planning, strategic/operational planning, and shared governance.

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

Rationale: In its response, the institution requested moving the due date of the report on student success and enrollment planning to January 31, 2025 which will align the report due date with internal operations and timelines.

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, Andrew Lootens-White. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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

Barbara Gellman-Danley
President

cc: Emily Sallee, Accreditation Liaison Officer
Andrew Lootens-White, HLC Staff Liaison