



March 20, 2020

Mr. Mitchell Daniels
President
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Dear President Daniels:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Purdue University by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on March 16, 2020. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with HLC.

Action. IAC continued the accreditation of Purdue University with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2029-30.

Further, IAC voted to change the team's evaluation of core component 3D from "Met with Concerns" to "Met."

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 addressed the concerns of the team in its response, changing core component 3D from "Met with Concerns" to "Met" and removing the need for an interim report on this topic. Based on evidence provided in the Assurance Argument, the Team Report, and the Institutional Response, IAC believes that the issues identified by the visiting team (advising and mental health support) are being adequately addressed and should not be considered of significant concern that would require additional short term monitoring by HLC. Evidence reviewed includes:

- The institution presented a solid plan for addressing mental health wait times and caseloads.
- Funding for CAPS has increased by 95% since 2016 in an attempt to address student need including an increase in therapist FTE from 18 to 29. CAPS is also developing a new organizational model to help better meet the needs of Purdue University students.
- In terms of advisement load, additional information provided by the institution indicates it is a small percentage of academic advisors that might have an increased student-to-advisor ratio.
- The Provost Office has added 37 new advisors since 2016. Colleges and departments have also added advising FTE resulting in an average student-to-advisor ratio of 225.

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 <https://www.hlcommission.org/isr-request>.

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.html>.

Please note: Revisions to HLC's Criteria for Accreditation will go into effect on September 1, 2020. Institutions will be evaluated against the revised Criteria for all reviews conducted after that date, including reviews related to previously assigned monitoring. Institutional reports submitted after September 1, 2020, that reference the Criteria should be written to the revised version. More information about the revised Criteria, including a crosswalk between the current and revised versions, 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 Eric Martin. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Barbara Gellman-Danley
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President

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