

January 30, 2017

Dr. Robert Vartabedian  
President  
Missouri Western State University  
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St. Joseph, MO 64507-2294

Dear President Vartabedian:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Missouri Western State University by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on January 24, 2017. 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 Missouri Western State University with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in or before 2026-27. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring.

**Interim Report.** An Interim report due January 1, 2019 on Assessment of Student Learning (4B). The institution should provide evidence that processes and data are in place for all programs.

Further, IAC supports the team's recommendation of an interim report, specific areas for consideration, demonstrating that the institution has implemented a comprehensive and sustainable assessment process and embraces quality improvement principles, include attention to the following items, which should be addressed in the report:

- documenting student learning outcomes that are assessed at all levels of the institution;
- defining and implementing processes that address the development, coherence, and assessment of the General Studies Program;
- identifying tools/measures used and data collected and analyzed at each level and across all programs;
- identifying external benchmarks and internal targets used for comparison;
- demonstrating how results are used to inform improvement in student learning;
- developing a timeline documenting progress over the course of the next two years;
- and developing a plan, including goals for future development.

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

Information on notifying the public of this action is available at <http://www.hlcommission.org/HLC-Institutions/institutional-reporting-of-actions.html>.

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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, reading "Barbara Gellman-Danley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and a long, sweeping underline.

Barbara Gellman-Danley  
President

CC: ALO