

February 20, 2018

Dr. Ben Sells
President
Ouachita Baptist University
410 Ouachita Street
Arkadelphia, AR 71998

Dear President Sells:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Ouachita Baptist University by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on February 12, 2018. 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 Ouachita Baptist University with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2027-28. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring.

Interim Report. Interim Report due 3/2/2020 on finances (core component 5A). The report should include the following: progress on repayment of outstanding debt; financial ratio calculations that indicate that the DOE Composite Ratio is above 1.5; continued evidence of balanced budgets and/or budget surpluses; evidence of enrollment growth and revenue increases from both enrollment and fundraising; examination of staffing and compensation levels to determine appropriate levels for institutional programs.

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/Accreditation/institutional-status-and-requirements-report.html>.

Within the next 30 days, HLC will also publish information about this action on its website at <http://www.hlcommission.org/Student-Resources/recent-actions.html>.

If you have any questions about these documents after viewing them, please contact the institution's staff liaison Jeffrey Rosen. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Barbara Gellman-Danley
President

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