

June 7, 2019

Rev. Dr. David Greenhaw  
President  
Eden Theological Seminary  
475 East Lockwood Avenue  
St. Louis, MO, MO 63119-3192

Dear President Greenhaw:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Eden Theological Seminary by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on June 3, 2019. 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 Eden Theological Seminary with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2028-29. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring:

**Interim Report.** Interim Report due 12/31/2019 on integrity, program review, persistence, retention, and completion and resources, planning and institutional effectiveness, student complaints, credit-hour policy, and status of the Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies.

IAC clarified the team's recommendation about the interim report contents as follows:

Core Component 2A and Core Component 4A

1. Documentation of the following policies:
  - a. Student complain policy that outlines the process for filing formal complaints
  - b. Policy that outlines the process for academic program review
  - c. Policy defining how credit-hours are awarded for courses
2. Updated faculty and staff handbooks/manuals
3. Statement regarding the status of the Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies program, including:
  - a. Whether students are being admitted to the program
  - b. Whether the institution intends to continue the program
  - c. If needed, a statement about the status of the program with HLC

Core Component 4C

An outline that defines institutional goals for student retention, persistence, and completion

Core Component 5A

1. A plan for facilities that identifies how underutilized spaces will be activated, renovated, rented, or sold
2. Documentation of the professional development opportunities offered for staff during the 2019 calendar year and plans for Spring 2020
3. A report on instructional technology training (i.e., a calendar of training activities and any evaluations of programming effectiveness)
4. Documentation of policies for how input from faculty and staff is included in the planning and budgeting process

**Rationale:** IAC supports the team's recommendation but wants to provide clarity and a better understanding around what needs to be codified in each identified core component.

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>.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Gellman-Danley".

Barbara Gellman-Danley  
President

CC: ALO