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July 19, 2024

Rev. John Jenkins
President
University of Notre Dame
400 Main Building
Notre Dame, IN 46556

Dear President Jenkins:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning University of Notre Dame (the institution) by the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) at its meeting on July 15, 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 University of Notre Dame 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 06/30/2026 on assessment.

Embedded Monitoring. Embedded Monitoring in the 2027-2028 Assurance Review on assessment. The embedded monitoring should demonstrate that core-curriculum and program-level direct-assessment data is being used for program improvement when appropriate.

IAC removed the requirement that the institution demonstrate significant progress in reducing or completing the backlog of graduate Academic Program Reviews from the embedded monitoring.

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 provided evidence in its response. An analysis of that evidence finds that the number of program reviews in any given year have increased in recent years. Each of the 2023 reviews have a schedule of events and all the 2024 and 2025 reviews have completed their kick-off meeting. While there has been an increase in current and upcoming program reviews, or a "backlog" in the visiting team's terminology, there is clear evidence the institution has a plan for program reviews and appears to be engaged in various stages of their program reviews.

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: Maura Ryan, Accreditation Liaison Officer
Andrew Lootens-White, HLC Staff Liaison