SUBJECT: Change in Accreditation Status – SDSU

At the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) of the Higher Learning Commission meeting on October 22, 2012, the IAC reviewed and approved the request by SDSU that it be permitted to participate in the Commission’s Notification Program. Rather than needing to seek Commission approval, this status allows the campus to simply notify the Commission that it is initiating the delivery of Board-approved distance delivered programs at new locations. Attached is a letter stating the actions taken and their outcomes.
October 26, 2012

President David L. Chicoine  
South Dakota State University  
Box 2201, AD 222  
Brookings, SD  57007-2298

Dear President Chicoine:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken concerning South Dakota State University by the Higher Learning Commission. At its meeting on October 22, 2012, the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) voted on the items below. This letter serves as the official record of this action, and the date of this action constitutes the effective date of your new status with the Commission.

**Action.** The IAC concurred with the evaluation findings and voted to approve the institution’s participation in the Commission’s Notification Program for additional locations.

If the current Commission action includes changes to your institution’s *Statement of Affiliation Status* (SAS) or *Organizational Profile* (OP), the changes will appear in these documents on the Commission’s Web site by November 5, 2012. The *SAS* is a summary of your institution’s ongoing relationship with the Commission. The *OP* is generated from data you provided in your most recent Institutional Update.

If you have questions about these documents after viewing them, please contact Jeffrey Rosen. Information about notifying the public of this action is found in Chapter 8.3-3 and 8.3-4 of the *Handbook of Accreditation, Third Edition*, available at [http://tinyurl.com/HLCchapter8](http://tinyurl.com/HLCchapter8).

Please be aware of Commission policy on planned or proposed institutional changes that require Commission action before their initiation. You will find the Commission’s change policy at [http://www.ncahlc.org/Information-for-Institutions/institutional-change.html](http://www.ncahlc.org/Information-for-Institutions/institutional-change.html). If you have questions about how planned institutional changes might affect your relationship with the Commission, please contact Tamas Horvath (thorvath@hlcommission.org).

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank you and your associates for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Manning

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President