

January 31, 2020

Dr. Jeff Abernathy  
President  
Alma College  
614 W. Superior St.  
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Dear President Abernathy:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Alma College by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on January 27, 2020. 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 Alma College, with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2029-30. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring.

**Embedded Monitoring Report.** Monitoring report embedded in next assurance review on the assessment of student learning outcomes in general education which should include: 1) outcome data in the First Year Seminar piloted in 2020, 2) a list of program outcomes for general education, and 3) an assessment plan for continued monitoring of general education learning outcomes.

In taking this action, the IAC considered materials from the most recent evaluation and the institutional response (if applicable) to the evaluation findings.

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>.

Please note: Revisions to HLC's Criteria for Accreditation will go into effect on September 1, 2020. Institutions will be evaluated against the revised Criteria for all reviews conducted after that date, including reviews related to previously assigned monitoring. Institutional reports submitted after September 1, 2020, that reference the Criteria should be written to the revised version. More information about the revised Criteria, including a crosswalk between the current and revised versions, 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 Tom Bordenkircher. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Barbara Gellman-Danley  
President

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