



November 17, 2014

Dr. Michael D. Adelman, President  
West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine  
400 North Lee Street  
Lewisburg, WV 24901

Dear President Adelman:

I am pleased to send you this letter in formal notification of the action concerning West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (“the School”) taken by the Higher Learning Commission Board of Trustees (“the Board”). At its meeting on October 30, 2014, the Board voted to grant initial accreditation to the School. This action is effective as of the date the action was taken. In taking this action, the Board considered the self-study submitted by the School, the report of the comprehensive evaluation team, the report of the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) hearing committee, the School’s response to these reports, and other material relevant to the evaluation.

The School is assigned to the Standard Pathway for its initial ten-year cycle. An institution in its first cycle of accreditation undergoes a comprehensive evaluation and is considered for reaffirmation of accreditation in Year 4 of the ten-year cycle. If reaffirmation of accreditation is granted in Year 4, the institution moves to Year 5 and continues on the Standard Pathway until it completes the ten-year cycle. The School will host its first review for Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2018-19 and, if that review is successful, its next review for Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2024-25.

The Board action resulted in changes to the Statement of Affiliation Status. This document is a summary of an institution’s ongoing relationship with the Commission. Some of the information from this document, such as the dates of the last and next comprehensive evaluation visits, will be posted to the Commission’s website. The Organizational Profile which includes information about the educational offerings of an institution, will remain on the website. In addition, Commission Policy INST.G.10.010, Management of Commission Information, anticipates that the Commission will release action letters related to the granting of accreditation to the public. The Commission will do so by posting this action letter on the Commission website along with the Statement of Affiliation Status and Organizational Profile.

Information about notifying the public of this action is available at <http://ncahlc.org/Information-for-Institutions/institutional-reporting-of-actions.html>. In addition, Commission policy COMM.A.10.010, Commission Public Notices and Statements, requires that the Commission prepare a summary of actions to be sent to appropriate state and federal agencies and accrediting associations, and published on its website. The summary will include the Commission Board action regarding the School. The School may choose to prepare statements to its constituencies regarding this action; I ask that you copy your liaison, Vice President Andrew Lootens-White, on any such communication.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I offer our congratulations.

Sincerely,

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

Barbara Gellman-Danley  
President

cc: Chair of the Board of Trustees, West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine  
Evaluation team members  
Dr. James W. Nemitz, Vice President for Admin. & External Relations, West Virginia School of  
Osteopathic Medicine  
Dr. Andrew Lootens-White, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Higher Learning  
Commission