

May 7, 2021

Dr. Mark Biermann
President
Blackburn College
700 College Avenue
Carlinville, IL 62626

Dear President Biermann:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Blackburn College by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on May 3, 2021. 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 Blackburn College with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2030-31. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring.

Focused Visit. A focused visit by December 2023 on enrollment and finances.

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

Rationale: IAC voted to change the team's recommendation of an interim report to a focused visit based on the institution's history of interim monitoring, the current status of the institution's finances, and the challenges of enrollment growth.

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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>.

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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 cursive script that reads "Barbara Gellman-Danley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Barbara Gellman-Danley
President

CC: ALO