



June 22, 2015

Rev. Dr. Robin J. Steinke
President
Luther Seminary
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Dear President Steinke:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Luther Seminary by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on June 16, 2015. 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 Luther Seminary with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2024-25. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring.

Interim Report. An Interim Report due 12/31/15 on the student complaint process.

Interim Report. An Interim Report due 10/5/16 on strategic planning.

Embedded Monitoring. Year 4 Assurance Review and Comprehensive Evaluation will include an emphasis on assessment of student learning outcomes.

Rationale: The institution provided a comprehensive response. This led to an IAC recommendation for modifications to the team conclusions. 1) The institution believed that a shortened time was appropriate to show progress through an interim report on strategic planning; this time was decreased by the IAC. 2) The institution believed that a longer time was appropriate to show progress through an interim report on student outcomes assessment; this time was lengthened by the IAC. 3) Core component 5A was met with concerns in the report, however, the institution and IAC found this core component met. IAC concurred with the institutional response that progress related to financial equilibrium and stability of doctoral programs can occur through the usual annual updates and monitoring by the Commission.

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 <http://www.hlcommission.org/isr-request>.

Information on notifying the public of this action is available at <http://www.hlcommission.org/HLC-Institutions/institutional-reporting-of-actions.html>.

If you have any questions about these documents after viewing them, please contact the institution's staff liaison Sunil Ahuja. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

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Sincerely,

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

Barbara Gellman-Danley
President

CC: ALO