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Dr. George B. Forsythe President Westminster College 501 Westminster Ave. Fulton, MO 65251-1299

Dear President Forsythe:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Westminster College by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on May 5, 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 Westminster College 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 2/15/16 on finances, personnel, enrollment management plan and enrollment status report and subsequent plan for implementation, and planning.

Focused Visit. A focused visit by Spring 2017 on issues related to enrollment, technology, personnel, accessibility, finances, facilities, and diversity.

Rationale: The focused visit needs to be moved earlier to Spring 2017 due to the significance of the auditor's report on finances, the DOE concerns regarding Title IV funding, the cost of settling the OCR complaint, the borrowing from the current endowment, the need for enrollment management, and other issues. The Spring 2017 would give the institution adequate time to address these issues, and the seriousness of the concerns require expeditious attention. It is further recommended that the enrollment management plan and enrollment status report and subsequent plan for implementation be included in the Interim Report.

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 Karen Solomon. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Barbara Heerman Darley

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