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May 12, 2025

Dr. Francis Arpan  
President  
Haskell Indian Nations University  
155 Indian Avenue  
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Dear President Arpan:

Enclosed, please find the report and recommendation of the Institutional Actions Council Hearing Committee following the hearing of April 29, 2025. This report and recommendation, along with other information, as further detailed below, will be forwarded to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Board of Trustees ("the Board") for review and action at its next meeting. The Board meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2025.

The Board makes the final decision in all cases where HLC has conducted an evaluation for candidacy; initial accreditation; or removal of a sanction or Show-Cause Order. In addition, the Board makes the final decision when an evaluation team, an IAC Hearing Committee or the HLC President, has recommended a sanction; a Show-Cause Order; or the withdrawal or denial of accreditation or candidacy.

Prior to the Board meeting, the Board will receive from HLC the full record related to the evaluation including, but not limited to: any Assurance Argument and supporting documents submitted by the institution; the report from the evaluation team; the report of the IAC Hearing Committee; and any institutional responses filed by the institution prior to the hearing and subsequent to this letter. The Board also has access to the institution's previous evaluative history and HLC actions taken concerning the institution.

The team recommended to impose the sanction of Probation, but the IAC Hearing Committee recommended to reaffirm accreditation with interim monitoring.

In determining its final action, the Board may consider the recommendations of the peer review team and IAC Hearing Committee and, if applicable, other options available in HLC policy. Based on evidence in the record, the Board may adopt one of the recommendations previously arising out of the evaluation process, with or without modification, or, if applicable, the Board may adopt a different recommendation. Please see the HLC's Policy Book, which can be downloaded on the [HLC website](http://www.hlcommission.org/policybook), for more information about applicable HLC policies.

You will receive a letter outlining the Board's action following the conclusion of the Board meeting. The document linked here, [Guidance on Procedures Following Commission Board Actions](http://www.hlcommission.org/guidance), provides further information to assist the institution in preparing for the Board's action.

Please provide HLC with your response to the IAC recommendation no later than May 27, 2025. The response should be uploaded to the "Institutional Responses" link at <https://www.hlcommission.org/upload>. Please note that the response should be submitted as a single

PDF including any attachments or exhibits and should not contain any hyperlinks to web pages or external documents. If you have not previously submitted your most recent financial audit, please include this information with your response. This response and additional documents, along with all the other documents in the review, become part of the institution's administrative record and will be available to the next team that visits the institution.

The team chair from your institution's visit is being copied on this correspondence as a courtesy.

For further information, please contact the institution's staff liaison, Dr. Karen Solomon.

Your cooperation in this process is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Barbara Gellman-Danley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barbara Gellman-Danley  
President

cc: Milford Muskett, Accreditation Liaison Officer, Haskell Indian Nations University  
Karen Solomon, HLC Staff Liaison  
Jill Carlson, Team Chair