

September 18, 2020

Mrs. Alysia Johnston
President
Fort Scott Community College
2108 S. Horton
Fort Scott, KS 66701

Dear President Johnston:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Fort Scott Community College by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on September 15, 2020. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with HLC.

Action with Interim Monitoring. IAC accepted the Team Report for Fort Scott Community College. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring.

Interim Report. An Interim Report due November 17, 2023: Interim Report to include completion of a holistic assessment plan; program level learning outcomes for each degree program; evidence of collection and use of assessment data to assure improvements are not limited to individual course sections; evidence of reporting across all programs; and the creation of measurable and meaningful learning outcomes for co-curricular programs, examples of data use to improve these programs.

Embedded Report. Embedded Report: Interim Report to be embedded in the 2025-26 Comprehensive evaluation on assessment.

Rationale: The institution indicated in its response that it has a plan for achieving robust and comprehensive assessment of academic and co-curricular learning, and that it is both on track and making significant progress in implementing that plan.

The institution will continue on the Open Pathway.

Rationale: IAC replaced the requirement for a focused visit with monitoring and embedded reports. Remaining on the Open Pathway allows the institution to submit a Quality Initiative Report focused on assessment which supports the institution's plans and progress toward meeting Core Component 4B.

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

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

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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>.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Barbara Gellman-Danley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B'.

Barbara Gellman-Danley
President

CC: ALO