



June 4, 2012

President David L. Chicoine  
South Dakota State University  
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Dear President Chicoine:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken concerning South Dakota State University by the Higher Learning Commission. At its meeting on May 24, 2012, the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) voted on the items below. This letter serves as the official record of this action, and the date of this action constitutes the effective date of your new status with the Commission.

**Action.** The IAC voted to approve the consortial arrangement between South Dakota State University and the institutions listed below, which comprise the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (GPIDEA).

- Iowa State University
- Kansas State University
- North Dakota State University
- University of Nebraska
- Colorado State University
- Oklahoma State University
- University of Kansas Medical Center
- University of Missouri
- Michigan State University

If the current Commission action includes changes to your institution's *Statement of Affiliation Status (SAS)* or *Organizational Profile (OP)*, the changes will appear in these documents on the Commission's Web site by June 8, 2012. The *SAS* is a summary of your institution's ongoing relationship with the Commission. The *OP* is generated from data you provided in your most recent Institutional Update.

If you have questions about these documents after viewing them, please contact John A. Taylor, your staff liaison. Information about notifying the public of this action is found in Chapter 8.3-3 and 8.3-4 of the *Handbook of Accreditation, Third Edition*.

Please be aware of Commission policy on planned or proposed institutional changes that require Commission action before their initiation. You will find the Commission's change policy at [ncahlc.org/information-for-institutions/institutional-change.html](http://ncahlc.org/information-for-institutions/institutional-change.html). If you have questions about how planned institutional changes might affect your relationship with the Commission, please write or call John A. Taylor.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank you and your associates for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sylvia Manning".

Sylvia Manning  
President

cc: Board Chair