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SDSU President's Office

President David L. Chicoine  
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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 April 19, 2010, the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) voted to continue the accreditation of South Dakota State University and to adopt any new items entered on the attached Statement of Affiliation Status (SAS). The Commission Board of Trustees validated the IAC action through its validation process concluded on April 29, 2010. The date on this letter constitutes the effective date of your new status with the Commission.

I have enclosed your institution's *Statement of Affiliation Status (SAS)* and *Organizational Profile (OP)*. The *SAS* is a summary of your organization's ongoing relationship with the Commission. The *OP* is generated from data you provided in your most recent (2009-10) Annual Institutional Data Update. If the current Commission action included changes to the demographic, site, or distance education information you reported in your Annual Institutional Data Update, we have made the changes on the *Organizational Profile*. No other organizational information was changed.

The attached *Statement of Affiliation Status* and *Organizational Profile* will be posted to the Commission website on Monday, May 17. Before this public disclosure however, I ask that you verify the information in both documents and inform Dr. John Taylor, your staff liaison, before Friday, May 14 of any concerns that you may have about these documents. 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 organizational changes that require Commission action before their initiation. You will find the Commission's change policy in Chapter 7.2 of the *Handbook of Accreditation*. I recommend that you review it with care and, if you have any questions about how planned institutional changes might affect your relationship with the Commission, that you write or call Dr. John Taylor.

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

Sincerely,

Sylvia Manning  
President

Enclosures: Statement of Affiliation Status  
Organizational Profile

cc: Evaluation Team Members  
Chair of the Board