

March 18, 2015

Dr. Roderick L. Smothers
President
Philander Smith College
900 Daisy Bates Drive
Little Rock, AR 72202

Dear President Smothers:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Philander Smith College by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on March 10, 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 Philander Smith 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 11/1/16 on: 1) the use of student learning assessment for curricular improvement, 2) the use of systematic evaluation processes in enhancing the effectiveness of non-academic areas of the institution and 3) the demonstration that plans and initiatives are generating essential improvements in enrollment and finance. Report should demonstrate that assessment data has been integrated into curricular planning and administrative unit reviews and that the enrollment management strategic plan has been implemented and is producing positive results leading toward a balanced budget.

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 Linnea Stenson. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Barbara Gellman-Danley
President

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