



November 13, 2017

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dr. Therese Scanlan, President  
Resurrection University  
1431 N. Claremont Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60622

Dear President Scanlan:

This letter is formal notification of action taken by the Higher Learning Commission (“HLC” or “the Commission”) Board of Trustees (“the Board”) concerning Resurrection University (“the University” or “the institution”). At its meeting on November 2-3, 2017, the Board voted to reaffirm the accreditation of the University and scheduled the institution for monitoring. This action is effective as of the date action was taken. In taking this action, the Board considered materials from the University’s most recent comprehensive evaluation, including but not limited to: the Quality Highlights Report the University submitted, the report from the comprehensive quality review team, the report of the Institutional Actions Council Hearing Committee, the institution’s responses to these reports, and other materials relevant to the evaluation.

The Board required that the University submit an Interim Report no later than November 1, 2018. Included in this report should be evidence of the following:

- A clear process and procedure for determining qualified faculty at the University. This procedure should provide a framework for how the University defines tested experience that is within HLC guidelines of faculty qualifications.

The Board determined that the University is eligible to choose its Pathway (AQIP, Open, or Standard) and required that it host its next comprehensive evaluation for reaffirmation of accreditation no later than 2027-28.

The Board based its action on the following findings made with regard to the University:

The University meets Criterion Three, Core Component 3.C, “the institution has the faculty and staff needed for effective, high-quality programs and student services,” but with concerns because:

- The University is not operating within HLC's requirements on faculty qualifications, as evidenced by an over-reliance on tested experience and sole use of specialized accreditors’ definitions for qualified faculty;
- The nursing program, the largest program at the University, lacks permanent and qualified leadership;

- The University does not consistently operate clinical sites for some of its programs that are appropriately supervised by qualified faculty; and
- There are an insufficient number of qualified faculty, according to HLC requirements, to effectively manage and deliver the instructional programs.

The Board action resulted in changes to the affiliation of the University. These changes are reflected on the Institutional Status and Requirements Report. Some of the information on that document, such as the dates of the last and next comprehensive evaluation visits, will be posted to the HLC website.

Commission policy COMM.A.10.010, Commission Public Notices and Statements, requires that HLC prepare a summary of actions to be sent to appropriate state and federal agencies and accrediting associations and published on its website. The summary will include HLC Board action regarding the University.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank you and your associates for your cooperation. Please contact your HLC Staff Liaison, Dr. Thomas Bordenkircher, if you have questions about any of the information in this letter and to provide your Pathway declaration.

Sincerely,



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President

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