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January 13, 2023

Dr. Nick Nissley  
President  
Northwestern Michigan College  
1701 E. Front St.  
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Dear President Nissley:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Northwestern Michigan College by the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) at its meeting on January 9, 2023. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with HLC.

**Action.** IAC accepted the Team Report for Northwestern Michigan College.

Further, IAC voted to change the team's evaluation of Criterion 4B from "Met with Concerns" to "Met" with the following evidence:

The institution continues to make improvements in performing assessment through using data and information to make informed decisions. Since the last HLC review the institution formed a subcommittee to strengthen cocurricular assessment and it provided additional information about where general education requirements are located within the catalog and website. An example of how the institution resolved concerns related to how it utilizes assessment data to improve student learning or the quality of programs or education outcomes was addressed when the institution's Office of Research, Planning and Effectiveness implemented interactive dashboards that allow faculty and staff to filter variables such as class-standing, demographics, program enrollment, etc. in order to identify gaps by having data readily available.

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

**Rationale:** The institutional response provided additional evidence of meeting Criterion 4.B and points to even more evidence that demonstrates having met the Criterion Core Component. The institutional response also sufficiently responded to the items the visiting team requested in the assigned monitoring.

In two weeks, this action will be added to the *Institutional Status and Requirements (ISR) Report*, a resource for the institution to review and manage information regarding its accreditation relationship. Chief Executive Officers and Accreditation Liaison Officers may download the ISR Report in Canopy at <https://canopy.hlcommission.org>.

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>.

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 that reads "Barbara Gellman-Danley".

Barbara Gellman-Danley  
President

cc: Joy Goodchild, Accreditation Liaison Officer  
Linnea Stenson, HLC Staff Liaison