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July 21, 2023

Dr. Michael Davis  
President  
Fairmont State University  
1201 Locust Ave.  
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Dear President Davis:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Fairmont State University (the institution) by the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) at its meeting on July 17, 2023. 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 Fairmont State University with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2032-33. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring.

**Interim Report.** An Interim Report due 08/01/2025 on systematic and integrative plan development, implementation, and the reporting out of results for the areas to include institutional planning; financial planning; online and distance education; and assessment planning. The report should include demonstrated improvements in increasing a culture of data efficiency, quality, and data-informed decision making. All institutional planning efforts should include metrics that will allow units to demonstrate progress towards enrollment, retention, and persistence efforts.

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

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: Richard Harvey, Accreditation Liaison Officer  
Linnea Stenson, HLC Staff Liaison