



September 23, 2011

President James W. Abbott  
University of South Dakota  
136 Slagle Hall, 414 E. Clark Street  
Vermillion, SD 57069

Dear President Abbott:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken concerning University of South Dakota by The Higher Learning Commission. At its meeting on September 19, 2011, the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) voted to continue the accreditation of University of South Dakota and to adopt any new items affecting the Statement of Affiliation Status.

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 Annual Institutional Data Update. If the current Commission action included changes to the demographic, location, 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 Web site on Tuesday, October 4. If you have questions about these documents, please contact Eric V. Martin, your staff liaison before Monday, October 3. 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 at [ncahlc.org/information-for-institutions/institutional-change.html](http://ncahlc.org/information-for-institutions/institutional-change.html). If you have questions about how planned institutional changes might affect your relationship with the Commission, please write or call Eric V. Martin.

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  
Board Chair