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Dr. Jack Lassiter
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Dear Chancellor Lassiter:

The Higher Learning Commission received and reviewed your institution’s non-financial data for the 2013 Annual Institutional Update. The Commission reviews the non-financial data for seven indicator conditions and requests responses from the institutions when these indicator conditions occur. The purpose of this process is to identify institutions that may be at risk of not meeting components of the Criteria for Accreditation.

Although your institution did not meet nor exceed the conditions that would have required an institutional report, the screening process did identify certain indicators as having the potential for future concern. The Commission will analyze your institution’s data submissions in the 2014 Institutional Update to determine whether further review is warranted at that time.

The indicator conditions are the following (the last two conditions [6 and 7] apply only to institutions that enroll undergraduates):

1. **Enrollment Changes.** Increase or decrease in enrollment of 25% or more.
2. **Degrees Awarded.** Increase or decrease in degrees awarded of 40% or more.
3. **Full-time Faculty Changes.** Increase or decrease in full-time faculty (not FTE faculty) of 25% or more.
4. **Student Default Rates.** 3-year student default rate of 25% or more.
5. **Minimal Full-time Faculty.** The number of full-time faculty (not FTE faculty) divided by the number of degree programs offered is **less than one.**
6. **Student to Teacher Ratio.** The number of undergraduate FTE students divided by the number of undergraduate FTE faculty is **greater than 35.**
7. **Weak Graduation/Persistence Rates Compared to Peers.** The number of FTE undergraduate students divided by undergraduate degrees awarded places the institution in the lowest 3% or 5% of the 2-year or 4-year institutional peers.

The Commission requests a report when the institution meets:

- a) indicator condition 1 increase in enrollment of 25% or more,
- b) indicator condition 1 or 4 and at least one of the other six indicator conditions,
- c) three or more of the indicator conditions (two or more for graduate-only institutions),
- d) indicator condition 7 at 3% or,
- e) indicator condition 7 at 5% and at least one of the other six indicator conditions.

Based on the data you provided to the Commission in your 2013 Institutional Update, your institution meets indicator condition(s): 4. Your specific data as they relate to the indicator conditions are:

3-year Default Rate: 27%
No immediate action is required of you at this time. If you wish to discuss specific institutional issues, please contact your staff liaison Timothy Gallimore.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Susan Devine, Process Associate, Accreditation Services (sdevine@hlcommission.org) or Pat Newton-Curran, Director of Accreditation Operations (pnewton@hlcommission.org).

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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