



The Higher Learning Commission

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June 21, 2004

Dr. Gerald E. Monette
President
Turtle Mountain Community College
P.O. Box 340
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Dear President Monette:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken concerning Turtle Mountain Community College by The Higher Learning Commission. At its meeting on June 14, 2004, the Institutional Actions Council voted to continue the accreditation of Turtle Mountain Community College, and to adopt any new items entered on the attached Statement of Affiliation Status (SAS). The Commission Board of Trustees validated that action through its validation process concluded on June 21, 2004. The date on this letter constitutes the effective date of this new status with the Commission.

Normally a new Record of Status and Scope (RSS) is attached to this letter. The RSS includes the SAS and the Statement of Institutional Scope and Activities (SISA). The SISA is generated from the database and includes specific information gleaned from your Annual Report as well as from the team. This year we are holding the annual report information gathered online until our database redesign is complete. The Annual Report was designed to link with the new database, not our current one. Therefore, instead of sending you a Record of Status and Scope that is not current, I choose only to send the SAS portion of it. As soon as the new database is finished and tested, I will forward your full Record of Status and Scope. It will summarize the relationship between the Commission and Turtle Mountain Community College. Modifications to it may require prior approval from the Commission, although several sections of the Statement of Institutional Scope and Activity can be modified through submission of the Annual Report. In the meantime, I highly recommend that if you have any questions about how planned institutional changes might affect your relationship with the Commission, you write or call Karen J. Solomon, your staff liaison.

Changes in your institution that would require further Commission action prior to their initiation are found in Chapter 7.2 of *The Handbook of Accreditation, Third Edition*. Please review them with care.

Information about informing the public of this action is found in Chapter 8.3 of the Commission's *Handbook*.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I thank you and your associates for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Crow
Executive Director

Enclosure: Statement of Affiliation Status

cc: Evaluation Team Members
Chair of the Board