



January 30, 2015

Dr. Ronald L. Shape  
CEO  
National American University  
5301 S. Highway 16  
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Dear Dr. Shape:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning National American University by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on January 26, 2015. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with HLC.

**Action.** IAC continued the accreditation of National American University with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2024-25. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring.

- **Interim Report.** An Interim Report due 2/15/2016 on (1) clarification of the multiple roles in governance by the President; and (2) completion and implementation of the assessment program.
- **Embedded Monitoring.** Year 4 Assurance Review will include an embedded interim report focused on (1) promotion of scholarship; (2) improvements and upgrades in technology; and (3) consistency of services and improvement of career services.

IAC concurred with the evaluation findings and voted to affirm the institution's placement on the Standard Pathway for reaffirmation of accreditation.

In two weeks, this action will be added to the *Institutional Status and Requirements (ISR) Report*, a resource for Accreditation Liaison Officers to review and manage information regarding the institution's accreditation relationship. Accreditation Liaison Officers may request the ISR Report on HLC's website at <http://www.hlcommission.org/isr-request>.

Information on notifying the public of this action is available at <http://www.hlcommission.org/HLC-Institutions/institutional-reporting-of-actions.html>.

If you have any questions about these documents after viewing them, please contact the institution's staff liaison, Steph Brzuzy. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Gellman-Danley".

Barbara Gellman-Danley  
President

CC: ALO