



December 10, 2013

Dr. Carl Heilman  
President  
Barton County Community College  
245 NE 30th Rd  
Great Bend, KS 67530-9283

Dear President Heilman:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken concerning Barton County Community College by the Higher Learning Commission. At its meeting on December 3, 2013, the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) voted on the items below. This letter serves as the official record of this action, and the date of this action constitutes the effective date of your new status with the Commission.

**Action with Interim Monitoring.** IAC did not concur with the panel's findings and instead approved the institution's request to offer the Associate in Applied Science in Technical Studies. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring.

- **Monitoring Report.** A Monitoring Report due 12/3/15 on a systematic strategy to monitor and evaluate the effects, performance and quality of the Associate in Applied Science in Technical Studies, particularly as it relates to student learning.

**Rationale:** IAC found that the institution's response adequately addressed the concerns raised by the panel, nonetheless leaving some questions, which can be addressed in a monitoring report, due in two years, December 3, 2015.

If the current Commission action includes changes to your institution's *Statement of Affiliation Status (SAS)* or *Organizational Profile (OP)*, the changes will appear in these documents on the Commission's Web site within three weeks of the date of action. The *SAS* is a summary of your institution's ongoing relationship with the Commission. The *OP* is generated from data you provided in your most recent Institutional Update.

If you have questions about these documents after viewing them, please contact Susan Devine. 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*, available at <http://ncahlc.org/Information-for-Institutions/institutional-reporting-of-actions.html>.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sylvia Manning".

Sylvia Manning  
President



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