October 27, 2004

Dr. David C. Hardesty
President
West Virginia University
P.O. Box 6201
Morgantown, WV 26506-6201

Dear President Hardesty:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken concerning West Virginia University by The Higher Learning Commission. At its meeting on October 18, 2004, the Institutional Actions Council voted to continue the accreditation of West Virginia University, 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 October 27, 2004. The date on this letter constitutes the effective date of this new status with the Commission.

I have enclosed with this letter an Organizational Profile (OP) and a Statement of Affiliation Status (SAS). In the recently completed Commission’s database redesign, the Organizational Profile document replaces the Record of Status and Scope (RSS). The document is generated from your Annual Report data, and includes demographic, site, and distance education information. (Please note that financial indicators are not included in the OP document.)

Next month you will receive again your Organizational Profile and your Statement of Affiliation Status. These documents summarize the relationship between the Commission and West Virginia University and will be posted on the Commission website as information to the public. Before the Organizational Profile and the SAS are posted to the website however, you will have the opportunity to verify the information in both documents.

Commission policy on changes in your institution that require further Commission action prior to their initiation, is found in Chapter 7.2 of The Handbook of Accreditation, Third Edition. Please review it with care. 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 John A. Taylor, D.Mus.Ed., your staff liaison. 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

Enclosures: Statement of Affiliation Status
Organizational Profile

cc: Evaluation Team Members
Chair of the Board
STATEMENT OF AFFILIATION STATUS

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
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Affiliation Status: Candidate: Not Applicable
Accreditation: (1926-28; 1930-)

PSEA PARTICIPANT

Nature of Organization

Legal Status: Public
Degrees Awarded: B, M, D, 1st prof.

Conditions of Affiliation:

Stipulations on Affiliation Status: None.

Approval of New Degree Sites: No prior Commission approval required for offering existing degree programs at new sites within the state.

Approval of Distance Education Degree: No prior Commission approval required.

Reports Required: Progress Report 05/01/2007: A report on assessment of student learning

Other Visits Scheduled: None.

Summary of Commission Review

Year of Last Comprehensive Evaluation: 2003 - 2004
Year for Next Comprehensive Evaluation: 2013 - 2014

Date of Last Action: 10/27/2004