



August 27, 2012

President Steve Turner
Northeastern State University
601 N. Grand
Tahlequah, OK 74464-2399

Dear President Turner:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken concerning Northeastern State University by the Higher Learning Commission. At its meeting on August 20, 2012, 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. The IAC voted to continue the accreditation of Northeastern State University with the next comprehensive evaluation to be set in 2021-22.

Action. The IAC voted to approve the initiation and expansion of distance education up to 100% of total degree programs.

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 by Friday, September 7, 2012. 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. No other institutional information was changed.

If you have questions about these documents after viewing them, please contact Eric V. Martin, your staff liaison. 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*.

Please be aware of Commission policy on planned or proposed institutional changes that require Commission action before their initiation. You will find the Commission's change policy at ncahlc.org/information-for-institutions/institutional-change.html. If you have questions about how planned institutional changes might affect your relationship with the Commission, please write or call Eric V. Martin.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sylvia Manning".

Sylvia Manning
President

cc: Evaluation Team Members
Board Chair