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May 11, 2006

President Judith I. Bailey
Western Michigan University
1903 W. Michigan Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5130

Dear President Bailey:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken concerning Western Michigan University by The Higher Learning Commission. At its meeting on April 24, 2006, the Institutional Actions Council voted to adopt the attached Statement of Affiliation Status, thereby acknowledging the successful completion of a Commission mandated focused visit. The Commission Board of Trustees validated that action through its validation process concluded on May 11, 2006. The date on this letter constitutes the effective date of this new status with the Commission.

I have enclosed your institution's *Statement of Affiliation Status (SAS)* and *Organizational Profile (OP)*. These documents replace the previous two-part Record of Status and Scope. The SAS is a summary of your organization's ongoing relationship with the Commission. The OP is generated from data you provided in your most recent, (2004-05) Annual Report. If the current Commission action included changes to the demographic, site, or distance education information you reported in your Annual Report, I have made the change on the *Organizational Profile*. No other organizational information was changed.

The attached *Statement of Affiliation Status* and *Organizational Profile* will be posted to the Commission website on Monday, May 29, 2006. Before this public disclosure however, I ask that you verify the information in both documents, and inform me before Friday, May 26, of any concerns that you may have about these documents. 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 organizational changes that require Commission action before their initiation. You will find the Commission's change policy in Chapter 7.2 of the *Handbook of Accreditation*. I highly recommend that you review it with care and if you have any questions about how planned institutional changes might affect your relationship with the Commission, you write or call Ingrid Walker, Ph.D., your staff liaison.

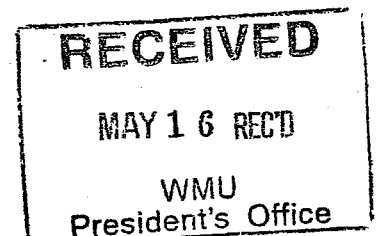
On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank you and your associates for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Crow
Executive Director

Enclosure: Statement of Affiliation Status
Organizational Profile

cc: Evaluation Team Members
Chair of the Board





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STATEMENT OF AFFILIATION STATUS

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
1903 W. Michigan Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 490085130

Affiliation Status: Candidate: Not Applicable
Accreditation: (1915- .)

PEAQ PARTICIPANT

Nature of Organization

Legal Status: Public
Degrees Awarded: B, M, S, D

Conditions of Affiliation:

Stipulations on Affiliation Status: Accreditation is limited to degree programs offered in the state of Michigan, St. Louis, Missouri; and to the MBA program offered in Singapore.

Approval of New Degree Sites: Prior Commission approval required.

Approval of Distance Education Degrees: Prior Commission approval required for distance education programs other than the Master's degree in Educational Technology.

Reports Required: None.

Other Visits Scheduled: None.

Summary of Commission Review

Year of Last Comprehensive Evaluation: 2000 - 2001

Year for Next Comprehensive Evaluation: 2010 - 2011

Date of Last Action: 05/11/2006



ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

1903 W. Michigan Avenue

Kalamazoo, MI 490085130

Enrollment Demographics (by headcount) (HLC Posted: 06/09/2005)

	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>
Undergraduate:	19555	2947
Graduate:	942	4385
Post-baccalaureate First Professional:	0	0
Non-Credit headcount:	0	

Educational Programs (HLC Posted: 01/31/2006)

		<u>Program Distribution</u>	<u>Degrees Awarded</u>
Leading to Undergraduate degrees:	Associate	0	0
	Bachelors	152	4299
Leading to Graduate degrees:	Masters	71	1448
	Specialist	1	8
	First Professional	0	0
	Doctoral	29	75
Certificate Programs:	Pre-Associate	0	0
	Other Undergraduate	0	0
	Post-baccalaureate	6	0

Dual Enrollment (HLC Posted: 06/09/2005)

Headcount in all dual enrollment (high school) 83

Off-Campus Activities (HLC Posted: 06/09/2005)

In-State:	Campuses:	Battle Creek (WMU-Battle Creek (Kendall Center)) ; Benton Harbor (WMU-Southwest) ; Grand Rapids (WMU-Grand Rapids The Graduate Center-Beltline) ; Grand Rapids (WMU-Grand Rapids The Graduate Center-Downtown) ; Kalamazoo (WMU-Kalamazoo) ; Lansing (WMU-Lansing) ; Muskegon (WMU-Muskegon) ; Traverse City (WMU-Traverse City)
	Sites:	(South Haven) ; Holland (JCI) ; Oak Park (Oak Park Schools)
	Course Locations:	None
Out-of-State:	Campuses:	None
	Sites:	None
	Course Locations:	None
Out-of-U.S.:	Campuses:	None
	Sites:	Center for American Education, Singapore (Master of Business Administration / Singapore)
	Course Locations:	None

Distance Education Certificate and Degree (HLC Posted: 06/09/2005)

Masters degree in Educational Technology	Internet
Certificate (grad) in Education Technology	Internet