

July 12, 2019

Mr. Michael Groener
President
Holy Names University
3500 Mountain Blvd.
Oakland, CA 94619-1699

Dear President Groener:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Holy Names University (HNU) by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) at its meeting June 28, 2019. This action was taken after consideration of the report of the review team that conducted the Special Visit to HNU February 26-28, 2019. The Commission also reviewed the institutional report and exhibits submitted by HNU prior to the Special Visit and the institution's May 7, 2019 response to the team report. The Commission appreciated the opportunity to discuss the visit with you and your colleagues Shelia Smith McKoy, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Kevin Gin, Chief of Staff to the President, Associate Dean for Institutional Effectiveness, and Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO). Your comments were very helpful in informing the Commission's deliberations. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with WSCUC.

Actions

1. Receive the Special Visit team report that focused on: (1) operationalizing a comprehensive retention plan; (2) generating, reporting and analyzing data, and using those data to inform plans and decisions; (3) coordinating academic and student services programs; (4) assessing core competencies, general education, and program learning outcomes; (5) achieving strategic enrollment goals to contribute to a stable financial base; and (6) regularly evaluating the president and formulating succession plans for key university leaders
2. Defer Action in order to complete consideration of outstanding issues
3. Schedule a Progress Report to be submitted as soon as the 30-year tax-exempt loan with Preston Hollow Capital is secure, but no later than September 30, 2019 to address
 - a. The status of the loan including the loan amount, expecting that the loan amount will at least exceed the current \$20,000,000 line of credit and allow for an operating cushion (even if not the full anticipated \$45,000,000).
 - b. A variance analysis of the institution's enrollment projections to identify the required enrollment break-even point and enrollment levels required to be financially viable.

In accordance with Commission policy, a copy of this letter will be sent to the chair of HNU's governing board. The Commission expects that this action letter will be posted in a readily accessible location on the HNU's website and widely distributed throughout the institution to promote further engagement and improvement. The Commission's action letter will also be posted on the WSCUC website. If the institution wishes to respond to the Commission action on its own website, WSCUC will post a link to that response on the WSCUC website.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this letter or the action of the Commission.

Sincerely,



Jamienne S. Studley
President

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Cc: Reed Dasenbrock, Commission Chair
Kevin Gin, ALO
Steve Borg, Board Chair
Members of the Special Visit team
Maureen A Maloney, Vice President