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September 11, 2015

President Lionel R. Bordeaux  
Sinte Gleska University  
Box 105  
Mission, SD 57555-0105

Dear President Bordeaux:

Subsequent to the Institutional Actions Council meeting of August 31, 2015, attached is the Hearing Committee's report of its recommendation regarding Sinte Gleska University. This recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for review and action at its next meeting. The Board meeting is scheduled for November 5-6, 2015.

The Board makes the final decision in all cases where HLC has conducted an evaluation for candidacy, initial accreditation or removal of sanction. In addition, the Board makes the final decision when an evaluation team, an Institutional Actions Council Hearing Committee or the HLC President has recommended a sanction or withdrawal or denial of accreditation or candidacy. Prior to the next scheduled Board meeting, the Board receives from HLC the full record related to the evaluation including, but not limited to, the self-study and supporting documents submitted by the institution; the report from the evaluation team; the report of the Hearing Committee; and institutional responses filed by the institution prior to the Hearing and any institutional responses filed subsequent to this letter. The Board also has access to the institution's previous evaluation history and HLC actions taken concerning the institution.

The Board may adopt one of the recommendations previously arising out of the evaluation process, with or without modification, or the Board may adopt a different recommendation. The team has recommended Notice, and the IAC Hearing Committee agreed with this recommendation; however, in determining its action the Board may also consider other options available in Commission policy, including Extension of Probation or Show-Cause. (See Commission policy INST.E.10.010 for more information about sanctions and related policies.) Alternatively the Board also has the option of reaffirming the institution's accreditation with or without monitoring. You will receive a letter outlining the Board's action subsequent to the conclusion of the Board meeting. The document linked here [Guidance on Procedures Following Commission Board Actions](#) provides further information to assist the institution in preparing for the Board's action.

Please provide HLC with your response to the IAC recommendation no later than September 25, 2015. Also by that date, provide any additional materials to be offered for the Board's consideration. This response, along with all the other documents in the review, become part of the HLC's official file and will be available to the next team that visits the institution. The evaluation team, through the team chair, is also asked to respond to the Hearing Committee's recommendation.

For further information, please contact the institution's staff liaison, Karen J. Solomon.

Your cooperation in this process is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Gellman-Danley".

Barbara Gellman-Danley  
President