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March 2, 2017

Dr. Thomas Pleger  
President  
Lake Superior State University  
650 W. Easterday Ave  
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Dear President Pleger:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Lake Superior State University by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on February 28, 2017. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with HLC.

**Action to Deny.** IAC concurred with the evaluation findings and denied the institution's request to offer the Master of Business Administration.

Further, IAC suggests that Lake Superior State University be able to submit a revised change request with adequate evidence it has met the concerns related to faculty qualifications; policies and practices for graduate education; and student learning outcomes assessment and program review. The concern about student learning outcomes assessment and program review should be addressed with documentation that assessment and reviews are actually being implemented, especially in disciplines that are part of the proposed MBA curriculum and in the undergraduate business degree. The revised change request may be submitted at a date to be determined by the institution.

In two weeks, this action will be added to the *Institutional Status and Requirements (ISR) Report*, a resource for Accreditation Liaison Officers to review and manage information regarding the institution's accreditation relationship. Accreditation Liaison Officers may request the ISR Report on HLC's website at <http://www.hlcommission.org/isr-request>.

Information on notifying the public of this action is available at <http://www.hlcommission.org/HLC-Institutions/institutional-reporting-of-actions.html>.

If you have any questions about these documents after viewing them, please contact the institution's staff liaison Steph Brzuzy. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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

Barbara Gellman-Danley  
President

CC: ALO