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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dr. Ferlin Clark, President
Bacone College
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Dear President Clark:

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC or “the Commission”) received notification that on or about May 19, 2020, the Joint Review Commission on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT or “the agency”) took formal action and placed the associate degree radiography program at Bacone College (“the College” or “the institution”) on Probation.

Under HLC policy FDCR.A.10.090, Standing with State and Other Agencies, the Commission shall conduct a review subsequent to another recognized accrediting agency taking adverse or negative action against an affiliated institution. Such actions include, but are not limited to: the issuance of an intent to place or the placement of the institution on notice, probation, or show-cause; the denial of accreditation; the issuance of an intent to withdraw accreditation; or the withdrawal of accreditation.

Typically, following such an action by a recognized accrediting agency, HLC requires the institution to submit information related to the action directly to the Commission. However, Bacone College is currently scheduled to undergo a comprehensive evaluation for Probation starting on September 14, 2020. Due to this upcoming evaluation, HLC will not conduct a separate review of the JRCERT action.

Instead, the institution should address the JRCERT action as appropriate in its Assurance Argument. Additionally, the College should include the following information as part of its Assurance Filing: copies of any evaluative reports, team recommendations, or other relevant documentation from JRCERT that formed the basis for the action; and copies of any institutional responses made to the agency.

The peer review team conducting the comprehensive evaluation for Probation will review the information related to the action within the broader context of the evaluation. The peer review team will also be provided a copy of this letter.

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The institution should ensure it adheres to HLC's Assumed Practice A.7, "the institution portrays clearly and accurately to the public its current status with the Higher Learning Commission and with specialized, national, and professional accreditation agencies."

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have questions regarding this letter, please your HLC Staff Liaison, Dr. John Marr.

Sincerely,



Robert Rucker
Manager of Compliance and Complex Evaluations

Cc: John Marr, Vice President of Accreditation Relations, Higher Learning Commission