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October 29, 2008

President Jerry B. Farley
Washburn University of Topeka
1700 SW College Avenue
Topeka, KS 66621-0001

Dear President Farley:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken concerning Washburn University of Topeka by The Higher Learning Commission. At its meeting on October 20, 2008, the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) voted to continue the accreditation of Washburn University of Topeka and to adopt any new items entered on the attached Statement of Affiliation Status (SAS). The Commission Board of Trustees validated the IAC action through its validation process concluded on October 29, 2008. The date on this letter constitutes the effective date of your new status with the Commission.

I have enclosed your institution's *Statement of Affiliation Status (SAS)* and *Organizational Profile (OP)*. 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 (2007-08) Annual Institutional Data Update. If the current Commission action included changes to the demographic, site, or distance education information you reported in your Annual Institutional Data Update, we have made the changes 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, November 17. Before this public disclosure however, I ask that you verify the information in both documents and inform me before Friday, November 14 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 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, that you write or call Robert R. Appleson, your staff liaison.

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

Sincerely,

Sylvia Manning
President

Enclosures: Statement of Affiliation Status
Organizational Profile

cc: Evaluation Team Members
Chair of the Board



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STATEMENT OF AFFILIATION STATUS

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY OF TOPEKA
1700 SW College Avenue
Topeka, KS 666210001

Affiliation Status: Candidate: Not Applicable
Accreditation: (1913- .)

PEAQ PARTICIPANT

Nature of Organization

Legal Status: Public
Degrees Awarded: A, B, M, 1st Prof

Conditions of Affiliation:

Stipulations on Affiliation Status: None.

Approval of New Degree Sites: The Commission's Streamlined Approval Process is only available for offering existing baccalaureate degree completion programs in Integrated Studies, Criminal Justice, Human Services, Technology Administration, Nursing (RN articulation), and Health Sciences at community colleges in Kansas through the institution's Internet courses.

Approval of Distance Education Degrees: Prior Commission approval required for distance education programs other than the Bachelor of Health Sciences, BS in Nursing, BS in Criminal Justice, BAS in Human Services, the BA in Integrated Studies, and BAS Technology Administration.

Reports Required: Contingency Report: A report due on necessary approvals for affiliation with Kaw Area Technical School within 60 days of final action by the Kansas Board of Regents.
Progress Report: 07/01/2010; A report on improvements in library.
Progress Report: 07/01/2011; A report on implementation of affiliation with Kaw Area Technical School.

Other Visits Scheduled: None.

Summary of Commission Review

Year of Last Comprehensive Evaluation: 2007 - 2008
Year for Next Comprehensive Evaluation: 2018 - 2019
Date of Last Action: 10/29/2008

Name Change:

Washburn College to Washburn Municipal University (1941) to Washburn University of Topeka (1952)



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Academy Participation:

Participating in the Academy for Assessment of Student Learning.





ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY OF TOPEKA
1700 SW College Avenue
Topeka, KS 666210001

Enrollment Demographics (by headcount) (HLC Posted: 04/15/2008)

| | <u>Full-Time</u> | <u>Part-Time</u> |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Undergraduate: | 4084 | 1936 |
| Graduate: | 127 | 309 |
| Post-baccalaureate First Professional: | 439 | 6 |
| Non-Credit headcount: | 0 | |

Educational Programs (HLC Posted: 04/15/2008)

| | | <u>Program Distribution</u> | <u>Degrees Awarded</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Leading to Undergraduate degrees: | Associate | 19 | 122 |
| | Bachelors | 59 | 725 |
| Leading to Graduate degrees: | Masters | 10 | 111 |
| | Specialist | 0 | 0 |
| | First Professional | 1 | 137 |
| | Doctoral | 0 | 0 |
| Certificate Programs: | Pre-Associate | 6 | 137 |
| | Other Undergraduate | 3 | 0 |
| | Post-baccalaureate | 8 | 0 |

Dual Enrollment (HLC Posted: 04/15/2008)

Headcount in all dual enrollment (high school) 77

Off-Campus Activities (HLC Posted: 11/05/2008)

| | | | |
|---------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--|
| In-State: | Campuses: | None | |
| | Sites: | (Kaw Area Technical College) | |
| | Course Locations: | None | |
| Out-of-State: | Campuses: | None | |
| | Sites: | None | |
| | Course Locations: | None | |
| Out-of-U.S.: | Campuses: | None | |
| | Sites: | None | |
| | Course Locations: | None | |

Distance Education Certificate and Degree (HLC Posted: 04/15/2008)

| | |
|---|----------|
| AS Health Information Technology | Internet |
| Bachelor of Health Science | Internet |
| Bachelor of Integrated Studies | Internet |
| BAS Human Services | Internet |
| BAS Technology Administration | Internet |
| BS Criminal Justice | Internet |
| BS Nursing (RN to BSN) | Internet |
| Certificate Diagnostic Medical Sonography | Internet |
| Certificate Radiation Therapy | Internet |