



Office of the President Sunil Ahuja, Ph.D.

Dear Faculty and Staff,

I write to provide you with an update regarding the ongoing Higher Learning Commission review of Lakeland Community College:

- Since my last communication with you on this matter, we submitted our Institutional Response to the team's report to HLC on March 28, 2025. It is attached for your information. Thank you for sending information for that response.
- The Institutional Response was intended for the Institutional Actions Council Hearing, which occurred on April 29, 2025. The IAC Hearing Committee has since issued its report, which we received on May 13, 2025. It is also attached for your information. You will note that, based on our Institutional Response and the discussion at the hearing and indeed the work we have done over the last year, the IAC reduced the number of "met with concerns" from 10 to 4 and is not recommending Notice, which is a sanction and which the mid-cycle review team had recommended. The IAC is recommending interim monitoring instead in the form of a focused visit to occur in June 2027 concerning the four remaining core components noted by the IAC as "met with concerns," which are 3C, 4B, 5A, and 5C. Please see the attached report for details.
- Finally, also attached is our response to the IAC Hearing Committee Report for the HLC Board of Trustees dated May 27, 2025.

As I noted in my message on January 6, 2025, please keep in mind that this is still not the final word on the matter, hence I again urge your discretion in this matter. However, I wanted to update you with the information. If the IAC's recommendation stands, it will be an enormous relief and win for the College. Reduced number of "met with concerns" and not being under sanction shows great progress and confidence in the institution. The final word on this will come following the HLC Board of Trustees meeting in late June. I will convey that message soon thereafter.

Thank you for your continued work for the students, the college, and the community.

With best regards,

Sunil Ahuja, Ph.D.
President