

Points of Pride from Higher Learning Commission Report

Missouri State University

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The results of the Reaffirmation Review from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) in October 2015 state that all criteria and core components for reaffirmation of accreditation have been met with no interim monitoring required. The HLC further states:

Missouri State University operates with integrity, lives its public affairs mission, and acts in an ethical and responsible manner.

Selected points of pride from the report have been put into one of four categories – Mission, Integrity, Budget and Planning, and Teaching and Learning (Resources and Assessment).

MISSION – *HLC states that MSU's mission:*

- ❖ Is well-defined in public affairs: ethical leadership, cultural competence, and community engagement.
- ❖ Serves the public good and receives recognition for contributions to the community.
- ❖ Guides strategic planning, general education curriculum, and outreach activities.

INTEGRITY – *HLC states that MSU's integrity is shown by:*

- ❖ Increasing diversity in a homogeneous region since 2011 when initiatives were enacted and valuing freedom of expression.
- ❖ Transparency in its policy library, financial, academic, personnel, and auxiliary functions.
- ❖ Appropriate policies and practices in research, teaching, scholarship, and learning.

TEACHING and LEARNING (RESOURCES and ASSESSMENT) – *HLC recognizes that MSU's academic programs:*

- ❖ Are comprehensive, student-centered, and well-suited to its mission.
- ❖ Have clear lines of oversight for programs, on-going assessment of student learning, and support for faculty development. Demonstrates responsibility to the quality and review of its educational programs with institutional evaluation of transcripts and excellent co-curricular activities.

BUDGET and PLANNING – *HLC acknowledges that MSU is a well-managed institution that:*

- ❖ Has a well-developed process for budgeting and monitoring expense and seeks to continue improving the quality of education while maintaining state-of-the-art facilities.
- ❖ Has a strong resource base, the financial stability of which has been confirmed through multiple independent sources including bond rating agencies and external audits.
- ❖ Serves a broader statewide constituency while adapting to financial and enrollment challenges.