

June 7, 2019

Dr. Cynthia Spiers  
Interim President  
James A. Rhodes State College  
4240 Campus Drive  
Lima, OH 45804

Dear President Spiers:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning James A. Rhodes State College by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on June 3, 2019. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with HLC.

**Action.** IAC continued the accreditation of James A. Rhodes State College with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2028-29.

**Rationale:** The institutional response provides additional information answering the team's concerns about student support personnel, including details about roles/responsibilities for the following positions: Assistant VP for Student Affairs (AVPSA), financial aid advisors for coverage in the area of financial aid, four advisors in the area of advising; admissions representatives, academic advisor, and Academic Affairs Technical Associate for off-site coordination. In addition, while some positions have been vacant for a period of time, the institution's response indicates a strategic approach to recruitment to secure individuals with the right fit for the position.

While there is evidence that there is a lack of student satisfaction with the present system there is a lack of substantive evidence that the students' needs are not being met or that the situation rises to the level of a monitoring report, therefore IAC voted to continue the institution's accreditation without interim monitoring.

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 <https://www.hlcommission.org/isr-request>.

Within the next 30 days, HLC will also publish information about this action on its website at <https://www.hlcommission.org/Student-Resources/recent-actions.html>.

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

Sincerely,



Barbara Gellman-Danley  
President

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