



**Public Disclosure Notice on
Grand Canyon University**
Phoenix, Arizona
Effective: February 25, 2016

Grand Canyon University (“the University”) in Phoenix, Arizona, and offering programs online and at various on-ground locations, is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Grand Canyon University is a business or trade name for Grand Canyon Education

The University has requested approval from the Commission to extend its accreditation to a new not-for-profit corporation that will contain some of the assets of the current University related to its teaching and learning operations and called the “school corporation,” which would be separate and independent from a “services corporation” that would not be included in the accreditation of the University. The creation of a new corporation and transition from for-profit to not-for-profit status requires prior approval by the Commission through its Change of Control, Structure or Organization process.

Recent Board Action

On February 25, 2016, Higher Learning Commission Board of Trustees (“the Board”) voted not to approve the requested Change of Control, Structure, or Organization. The University remains accredited.

The Board denied the Change of Control, Structure, or Organization because it determined that the University had not demonstrated that the proposed transaction meets each of the five approval factors for such a change. In addition, the Board determined that the Commission’s Criteria for Accreditation did not allow for the separate school corporation and service corporation model or the separate accreditation of the school corporation only as proposed by the institution. The Board indicated that the current Criteria for Accreditation contemplate that an accredited institution has both teaching and learning as well as service functions within the accredited structure.

Next Steps

Under Commission policy the University may decide to file a new application related to this transaction with consideration by the Commission in fall of 2016 or thereafter.

The University is scheduled to host its next evaluation for Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2016-17.

About the Higher Learning Commission

The Higher Learning Commission accredits more than 1,000 colleges and universities that have a home base in one of 19 states that stretch from West Virginia to Arizona. The Commission is a private, nonprofit regional accrediting agency. The Commission's mission is to assure and advance the quality of higher learning. It is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. The institutions the Commission accredits include public, private not-for-profit, and proprietary institutions at degree levels from the associate's through the doctoral degree level and from small, specialized institutions through large research universities.

Students, parents, and others from the general public with questions regarding the Commission's work should contact the Higher Learning Commission by email at info@hlcommission.org or by phone at 312-263-0456.

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