



## The Higher Learning Commission

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President Lester Lefton  
Kent State University  
Executive Offices, 2nd Floor Library P.O. Box 5190  
Kent, OH 44242-0001

Dear President Lefton:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken concerning Kent State University by The Higher Learning Commission. At its meeting on February 18, 2008 the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) voted to continue the accreditation of Kent State University through the Academic Quality Improvement Program, 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 that concluded on February 28, 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, (2006-07) 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 change 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, March 17, 2007. Before this public disclosure however, I ask that you verify the information in both documents, and inform me before Friday, March 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*. Please review it with care. I highly recommend that if you have any questions about how planned institutional changes might affect your relationship with the Commission, you write or call Dr. Stephen D. Spangehl, your staff liaison.

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

Sincerely,

  
Steven D. Crow, Ph.D.  
President

Enclosures: Statement of Affiliation Status  
Organizational Profile

cc: Chair of the Board



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## STATEMENT OF AFFILIATION STATUS

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY  
P.O. Box 5190  
Kent, OH 442420001

*Affiliation Status:* Candidate: Not Applicable  
Accreditation: (1915 - .)

### AQIP PARTICIPANT

#### Nature of Organization

*Legal Status:* Public  
*Degrees Awarded:* A, B, M, S, D

#### Conditions of Affiliation:

*Stipulations on Affiliation Status:* None.  
*Approval of New Degree Sites:* No prior Commission approval required for offering existing degree programs at new sites within the state including correctional institutions.  
*Approval of Distance Education Degrees:* No prior Commission approval required.  
*Reports Required:* None.  
*Other Visits Scheduled:* None.

#### Summary of Commission Review

*Year of Admission to AQIP:* 09/14/2000  
*Year of Last PEAQ Comprehensive Evaluation:* 1993 - 1994  
*Year of Last System Appraisal:* 2005 - 2006  
*Year of Next System Appraisal:* 2009 - 2010  
*Year of Last Reaffirmation of Accreditation:* 2007 - 2008  
*Year of Next Reaffirmation of Accreditation:* 2014 - 2015  
*Date of Last Action:* 02/28/2008

*Name Change:*  
Formerly: Kent State Normal College