



May 3, 2012

Dr. Luis M. Proenza
President
University of Akron
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Akron, OH 44325-4702

Dear President Proenza:

This letter is accompanied by a copy of the Additional Location Confirmation Report Forms completed following the **North Canton and Tallmadge, OH** location visits to University of Akron. As reported, the additional locations conforms to the description provided by University of Akron and no further monitoring is required.

Within the Additional Location Confirmation Reports, you will find brief comments on degree offerings, human and physical resources, and instructional resources. I encourage you to consider these comments as advice and suggestions for continued improvement of the additional locations.

Thank you again for your flexibility and hospitality in arranging the Additional Location Confirmation Visits, which fulfills federal regulations, related to institutional change. As indicated in the Commission policy, completion of the visit and fulfillment of the requirement will be noted in your institution's history record, and the completed report will be included in your institution's permanent file.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Additional Location Confirmation Visits or the reports, please feel free to contact me. (800-621-7440 ext. 146)

Sincerely,

Patricia Newton-Curran
Director of Accreditation Operations
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Enclosure

Additional Location Confirmation Visit Report Form

Name of Institution: University of Akron

Name/Address of Additional Location: Stark State College • 6200 Frank Avenue
NW • North Canton, Ohio 44720

Date of Visit: March 28 – 29, 2012

Visitor: Jim Simpson

Compare the written description of the location (provided in the institution's change request, the Commission's response, and/or the team report) with the actual location and answer the following questions. Document findings for each item, and indicate the institution's strengths and/or opportunities for improvement in controlling and delivering degree programs off campus.

1. Is the location at the address provided? () -5 90 43 -10 (1.0 000 (t) -6 3) -10 (3) -10-11 (f) - -5 90 45

Comments: Interviews with students at the Stark location confirmed they have identical access to instructional resources as students attending the main campus. For example, students stated a faculty advisor was available to help them, and library resources are fully available through UA's online library and OhioLink, a statewide library consortium.

3. Are the financial resources for the location as described in the original request and what evidence demonstrates that the institution effectively plans for growth and maintenance of additional locations?

Yes.

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Comments: A review of the published financial statements illustrated the funding model for UA relies primarily on tuition for revenue. The cohort for this program consists of 15 students (the minimum required to form a cohort) which provides sufficient revenue. Expenses are minimal due to Tallmadge High School providing the facilities free of charge unless special arrangements have to be made to open the building (as confirmed by Dr. Lynn Hruschak o

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SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

Select one of the following statements. Include, as appropriate, summary statement of findings.

Overall, the pattern of this institution's operations at its extended additional locations appears to be adequate, and no further review or monitoring by the Higher Learning Commission is necessary.