



New England Commission of Higher Education

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New England Commission of Higher Education and Hellenic College Holy Cross

At its meeting on March 5, 2021, the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) voted to remove Hellenic College, Inc. from probation for failure to meet the standards on *Institutional Resources* and *Planning and Evaluation*, and to remove the Notations with respect to the standards on *Organization and Governance* and *The Academic Program*. Hellenic College is to be congratulated for the progress it has made that led to these positive actions.

At the same meeting, the Commission issued Notations to Hellenic College because the Commission found that, even though the institution currently meets the standards on *Planning and Evaluation* and *Institutional Resources*, it is in danger of not meeting those standards in the future.

Hellenic College, Inc. will be closely monitored by the Commission, including through a requested update on the institution's execution of its strategic planning with particular focus on reaching its enrollment goals and ensuring that expenses do not exceed actual revenue year-to-year, and through the comprehensive evaluation scheduled for Fall 2022.

If the Commission finds the institution has successfully addressed the concerns, it will remove the Notation and specify further monitoring. If the Commission finds that the concerns have not been sufficiently addressed, the Commission may issue a continued Notation. If the Commission has reason to believe that the institution may or may not meet one or more of the *Standards for Accreditation*, the Commission will ask the institution to show cause why it should not be on probation or why its accreditation should not be withdrawn.

George M. Cantonis, President of Hellenic College, Inc., commented on the actions taken by the Commission. "We are delighted that NECHE has removed the probationary status for HCHC and has continued our accreditation based on its finding that HCHC is in compliance with the *Standards for Accreditation*. We want to assure our students, faculty, staff, donors, and our community that, just as our administration and board of trustees worked diligently to remove the School from probation, we will go on working expeditiously to improve our finances and create a robust shared planning environment. Although we have made tremendous strides, much more needs to be accomplished. We thank NECHE for their cooperation and are working with them to ensure that we meet their standards and further strengthen the institution."

The New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a reliable authority as to the quality of education. The Commission accredits 205 degree-granting institutions in the six New England states and eleven American-style institutions in other countries.

Hellenic College, Inc. was first accredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (now NECHE) in 1974. It is a private, independent institution encompassing the undergraduate Hellenic College and the graduate Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.

Further information may be found at:

New England Commission of Higher Education: neche.org

Hellenic College, Inc: hchc.edu