



March 17, 2022

Dr. Philip J. Hanlon
President
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Dear President Hanlon:

I am pleased to inform you that at its meeting on March 3, 2022, the New England Commission of Higher Education considered the distance education progress report submitted by Dartmouth College and took the following action:

that the report submitted by Dartmouth College be accepted, and the institution be granted general approval for distance education;

that the Fall 2024 interim report be confirmed and, in addition to the information included in all interim reports and the matters specified in our letter of May 15, 2020, the report provide an update on Dartmouth College's success in implementing its distance education offerings.

The Commission gives the following reasons for its action.

The distance education progress report submitted by Dartmouth College (Dartmouth) was accepted and the institution granted general approval for distance education because the Commission finds the proposed activity to be in compliance with the *Standards for Accreditation* and relevant Commission policies. The Commission is gratified to learn that while the College's "priority remains in-person learning," pivoting to remote learning in 2020 has "forever changed" Dartmouth's instructional tool kit. We also note with favor that, as part of its learning from the pandemic, Dartmouth has "enhanced instruction and instructional support mechanisms" and is "more responsive to student needs and individual differences."

Commission policy requires an interim report of all institutions on a decennial evaluation cycle. The purpose of the report is to provide the Commission an opportunity to appraise the institution's current status in keeping with the Policy on Periodic Review. The Commission confirms the interim report scheduled for Fall 2024 and asks that, in addition to the information included in all interim reports and the matters specified in our letter of May 15, 2020, Dartmouth College provide an update on its success in implementing its distance education offerings. The Fall 2024 interim report will provide an opportunity for Dartmouth College to discuss its "success in implementing the results of its planning" (2.5) for its current low-residency master's programs and any new hybrid or online programs currently under consideration.

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The Commission expressed appreciation for the report submitted by Dartmouth College and hopes that its preparation has contributed to institutional improvement. It appreciates your cooperation with the effort to provide public assurance of the quality of higher education.

You are encouraged to share this letter with all of the institution's constituencies. It is Commission policy to inform the chairperson of the institution's governing board of action on its accreditation status. In a few days we will be sending a copy of this letter to Ms. Liz Lempres. The institution is free to release information about the report and the Commission's action to others, in accordance with the enclosed policy on Public Disclosure of Information about Affiliated Institutions.

If you have any questions about the Commission's action, please contact Lawrence M. Schall, President of the Commission.

Sincerely,



George W. Tetler

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cc: Ms. Liz Lempres

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