June 22, 2018

Dr. John D. Simon  
President  
Lehigh University  
27 Memorial Drive West  
Bethlehem, PA 18015

Dear Dr. Simon:

At its session on June 21, 2018, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education acted:

   To reaffirm accreditation and to commend the institution for the quality of the self-study process and report. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2026-2027.

This action is an affirming action, as explained in the policy Accreditation Actions, which is available on the Commission's website.

Enclosed is a copy of the institution's Statement of Accreditation Status (SAS) for your review. If any of the factual information is incorrect, please contact the Commission as soon as possible.

In accordance with Commission policy, the accreditation status of the institution must be accurately represented. Please ensure that published references to your institution's candidate status or accredited status (catalog, other publications, web page) are accurate and include the full name, address, and telephone number of the accrediting agency, and the effective date (month and year) when status was granted. Candidate for Accreditation is a status with the Commission that indicates that an institution has achieved membership and is progressing toward, but is not assured of, accreditation.

Please be assured of the continuing interest of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education in the well-being of Lehigh University. If any further clarification is needed regarding the SAS or other items in this letter, please feel free to contact Dr. Christy L. Faison, Vice President.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Gary L. Wirt, Ed.D.  
Chair

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education accredits institutions of higher education in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and other locations abroad.
STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

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Chief Executive Officer: Dr. John D. Simon, President

INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Enrollment (Headcount): 5080 Undergraduate ; 1979 Graduate
Control: Private (Non-Profit)
Affiliation: None
2015 Carnegie Classification: Doctoral Universities - Higher Research Activity
Approved Degree Levels: Bachelor's, Postbaccalaureate Award/Cert/Diploma, Master's, Post-Master's Award/Cert/Diploma, Doctor's - Research/Scholarship;
Distance Education Programs: Fully Approved

Accreditors Recognized by U.S. Secretary of Education:

Instructional Locations

Branch Campuses: None
Additional Locations: None
Other Instructional Sites: None

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

Status: Member since 1921
Last Reaffirmed: June 21, 2018

Most Recent Commission Action:
June 21, 2018: To reaffirm accreditation and to commend the institution for the quality of the self-study process and report. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2026-2027.

Brief History Since Last Comprehensive Evaluation:

November 21, 2013: To accept the Periodic Review Report, to reaffirm accreditation, and to commend the institution for the quality of the Periodic Review process. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2017-2018.

Next Self-Study Evaluation: 2026 - 2027

Date Printed: June 22, 2018

DEFINITIONS

Branch Campus - A location of an institution that is geographically apart and independent of the main campus of the institution. The location is independent if the location: offers courses in educational programs leading to a degree, certificate, or other recognized educational credential; has its own faculty and administrative or supervisory organization; and has its own budgetary and hiring authority.

Additional Location - A location, other than a branch campus, that is geographically apart from the main campus and at which the institution offers at least 50 percent of an educational program. ANYA ("Approved but Not Yet Active") indicates that the location is included within the scope of accreditation but has not yet begun to offer courses. This designation is removed after the Commission receives notification that courses have begun at this location.

Other Instructional Sites - A location, other than a branch campus or additional location, at which the institution offers one or more courses for credit.

Distance Education Programs - Fully Approved, Approved (one program approved) or Not Approved indicates whether or not the institution has been approved to offer diploma/certificate/degree programs via distance education (programs for which students could meet 50% or more of the requirements of the program by taking distance education courses). Per the Commission's Substantive Change policy, Commission approval of the first two Distance Education programs is required to be "Fully Approved." If only one program is approved by the Commission, the specific name of the program will be listed in parentheses after "Approved."

Commission actions are explained in the policy Accreditation Actions.