Dear UNC Community Members,

I have great news to share. We’ve received the official notification of UNC’s continued accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission. UNC is fully meeting all of the HLC accreditation criteria, and our next reaffirmation of accreditation will be in 2024-2025.

Once again, thank you to the many people across campus who worked on the self-study and to everyone who met with the HLC evaluation team members when they visited in March. It is quite evident in the team’s report that we were able to convey what is unique and valuable about our university. The report notes that our self-study and the team’s visit “confirmed that personalized and transformative student learning experiences are at the heart of what UNC is accomplishing.”

The report addresses a broad range of UNC accomplishments as well as important future actions we identified through the self-study process. Students who talked with the evaluators used words such as extremely helpful, amazing, very knowledgeable, and respectful to describe their faculty and advisors, prompting evaluators to note: “Evidently, faculty and staff truly care about the students at UNC.” UNC’s understanding of the changing nature of higher education and our innovative response to the recent financial downturn are also noted.

The report is on our website at http://www.unco.edu/hlc/, along with our self-study and information about the process, and I encourage you to read it. We remain committed to the goal we identified at the beginning of the three-year self-study process: to use what we learned to identify ways in which we will continue to embrace, advance, and cultivate UNC’s distinctive role among Colorado’s public doctoral research universities.

Best,
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