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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – The Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) officially continued the accreditation of Cedarville University during its December 12, 2016, meeting. The next reaffirmation of accreditation will be in 2026-27.

Cedarville University has been continuously accredited through the Commission since 1975.

This action completed a multi-year internal process that engaged all areas of the University community, included the development of a comprehensive assurance argument, and culminated with a site visit by a Commission-appointed team of peer reviewers on October 10-11, 2016.

In its recommendation to the Commission following the site visit, the team described Cedarville as “a university that is deeply committed to its mission and related mission documents. Students experience both high quality academics and spiritual growth on a beautiful 400 acre campus. Cedarville faculty, staff, and students stand for the ‘Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ.’”

Thomas White, president of Cedarville University, responded to the announcement. “Our faculty and staff did an excellent job in preparation, but the praise and glory for this result belongs to the Lord who has called quality men and women to serve at Cedarville and granted us favor with the reviewers.”

The team’s recommendation to the Commission, as a result of the visit, stated that all 21 core components of the Criteria for Accreditation were met and that there were no recommendations for interim monitoring. In their final report to the Commission, the site team highlighted the University’s strategic plan that “focuses on five core strategies: Academic Excellence, Gospel Impact, Institutional Sustainability, Program Innovation, and Vibrant Community.” These five areas are at the heart of the work of Cedarville and its administration.

The team continued, “Cedarville has made advances in financial sustainability, improved a culture of assessment, and placed a re-emphasis on its mission. Operating with integrity, the university focuses on academic rigor and looks toward the future. They are aware of their role to serve the greater good, and this may be seen through the actions of all members of the community.”

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,760 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 100 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings, and leading student satisfaction ratings. For more information about the University, visit www.cedarville.edu.