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From the office of the President

From: President Mark Milioni

Reference: Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Status

On September 8, 2016 we were notified the Board of Trustees of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) placed Baptist Bible College on Probation. This status indicates that an accredited institution is not in compliance with one or more of the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

During the probationary period, Baptist Bible College remains accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, and this action does not affect BBC students' ability to receive academic credits or receive federal funding. The HLC decision allows the college to demonstrate within two years that the issues of concern have been addressed. The HLC's Board of Trustees took this action based on concerns primarily related to financial stability, staffing size and governance issues.

Baptist Bible College understands and respects the authority and decision of the Higher Learning Commission. The job of HLC is to ensure students of the quality of the institution and to assist in the improvement of the institution. Their oversight is an assurance to students, parents, and constituents that excellence and integrity are priorities.

Before the probation was announced BBC had already begun to address the issues in question. While this decision is disappointing and concerning BBC is absolutely committed to addressing these issues. This time is an opportunity to improve, enhance, and develop an even higher quality education and campus experience for all of our students.

Although we have experienced strong growth and improvement over the past three years, the issues of focus by HLC have been long standing concerns. In fact, recent HLC reports have made notice of the improvements and condition of BBC over the past three years. Throughout the entire process BBC has been committed to addressing any issues with intense focus, integrity and transparency.

BBC is blessed with a great team of faculty and staff that have been working very hard to resolve the concerns outlined in the HLC report. The administration and Board of Trustees are absolutely committed to being an institution of quality academics and a safe, godly student experience. For over 65 years BBC has produced high quality graduates that serve churches, schools and businesses all over the world.

For more information, you may view the HLC notification letter on their website at:
<http://hlcommission.org/component/directory/?Action=ShowBasic&Itemid=&instid=2797&lang=en>

If you have any questions or concerns, as always, you may contact me directly at:
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May God bless us as we work together,

Dr. Mark Milioni
President