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June 3, 2024

President Kathy Franken
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Re: Re-authorization to Operate in Oklahoma

Dear President Franken:

At their May 31, 2024 meeting, the State Regents approved Upper Iowa University's request to be re-authorized as a degree granting institution in Oklahoma. The term of authorization is from May 31, 2024 through the last day of Upper Iowa University's summer 2025 session.

In order to maintain authorization in good standing during the term of authorization, Upper Iowa University must operate according to the standards and requirements found in the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's *Institutional Accreditation and State Authorization* policy (attached), including the reporting requirements under section 3.1.4.E.

A private institution or out-of-state public institution shall provide the Chancellor:

1. Notice of a change in ownership or form of control, which may include, but is not limited to: the sale of the institution, the merger of two or more institutions, the division of one institution into two or more institutions, or a conversion of the institution from a for-profit institution to a non-profit or vice versa;
2. Notice of offering a program at a new location within Oklahoma;
3. Notice of offering a new program;
4. Notice of deleting or suspending a program. The institution shall also detail its teach-out plan or how the students will be advised regarding other options;
5. Notice of an action or review by the institution's accrediting body concerning the institution's accreditation status, including, but not limited to, reaffirmation or loss of accreditation or any sanction relative to the institution's level of accreditation such as, but not limited to, warning, probation, or show cause. In addition, the institution shall immediately provide notice if the institution's accrediting body is no longer recognized by the Secretary of the USDE;

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6. Notice of information related to a Title IV program review conducted by the USDE. A private institution receiving a USDE financial responsibility score below 1.5 shall also provide documentation to substantiate that the institution completed any necessary actions(s) required to retain Title IV funding eligibility;
7. Notice of appointing a new institutional director; and
8. Notice of any updates to the institution's academic records disposition plan.

If you have questions or comments regarding this action or state authorization in Oklahoma, please contact Ms. Elizabeth Walker, Coordinator for Academic Administration, at (405) 225-9154 or ok.stateauth@osrhe.edu.

Sincerely,



[Stephanie Beauchamp \(May 20, 2024 15:51 CDT\)](#)

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