

September 19, 2023

Dear Dean Blemings,

The West Virginia University's Office of the Provost has performed a review of the Honors College. The review was informed by a self-study provided by the unit, a stakeholder survey, and institutional data on budget and staffing. Accompanying this recommendation are two additional files: the unedited comments provided through the stakeholder survey and a summary of those comments.

The recommendation for the unit is:

- Continuance at the current level of activity
- **Continuance at the current level of activity with specific action**
- Continuance at a reduced level of activity
- Identification of the unit for further development
- Development of a cooperative unit
- Discontinuance

The key findings of the review that led to this recommendation are:

- 1) The unit serves an important segment of our student body.
- 2) Positive feedback was received about the unit generally, and about ASPIRE specifically.

The following actions are required of the unit. The unit should discuss its plans to accomplish these actions with its direct supervisor.

By **October 31, 2023**, provide a report to the unit's supervisor detailing the actions taken to address the following:

- 1) Determine if GTA and/or student worker staffing levels can be reduced.
- 2) Evaluate unit responsiveness to all constituents, including the regional campuses.
- 3) Evaluate the need for staff positions that may be more appropriate for traditional colleges.
- 4) Evaluate the viability of EXCEL in its current form given enrollment decline.

The unit's leader should notify the staff within this unit of the Provost's Office recommendation by forwarding this email and attachments immediately upon receipt. It is also recommended that the unit leader hold an in-person meeting to address these recommendations and to begin developing the plans to implement what is required of the unit.

Questions about these recommendations may be addressed to the unit's supervisor in the Provost's Office.

Sincerely,

WVU Office of the Provost