



A Message
from the **PRESIDENT**

Anthony L. Jenkins, Ph.D.

Dear Yellow Jacket Nation:

This afternoon, we completed our accreditation visit with representatives of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), the University's accrediting body. Because of the extraordinary circumstances our nation faces as a result of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, this visit was carried out virtually.

I want to thank all of the members of the Comprehensive Review Team that worked so tirelessly to prepare the assurance document that was sent to HLC before the virtual visit. Your hard work and dedication are a testament to the Yellow Jacket Nation and gave our reviewers a great description of where we are as a University four years into our 10-year accreditation cycle.

I also want to thank everyone who made it possible to switch from an in-person visit by the HLC review team, to a virtual visit, and to do so in a seamless fashion while allowing the maximum amount of participation from our Board of Governors, students, faculty and staff.

Finally, I want thank all of those who made time to participate in the Open Forums that took place today via Zoom and offer their thoughts and opinions and answer the questions from the reviewers. Your insight and input will go a long way toward ensuring our continued accreditation.

This visit from the HLC was historic in the truest sense of the word as it was the first carried out virtually for our University. These are trying times, but the ability of our students, faculty and staff to rise to any challenge is truly inspiring.

Take care, be well and Go STATE,

Anthony L. Jenkins, Ph.D.
President

