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January 7, 2011

Dr. Walter C. Bartlett
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Dear Dr. Bartlett:

The following action regarding your institution was taken at the December 2010 meeting of the Board of Trustees of SACS Commission on Colleges:

The Commission on Colleges reviewed a First Monitoring Report following review of a Referral Report from the evaluation of the institution's Fifth-Year Interim Report.

The institution is requested to submit a Second Monitoring Report due **September 7, 2011**, addressing the following referenced standard of the *Principles*:

CS 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: Educational Programs)

The institution should provide evidence that all educational programs have successfully completed a full institutional effectiveness cycle.

Guidelines for the additional report are enclosed. Because it is essential that institutions follow these guidelines, **please make certain that those responsible for preparing the report receive the document. If there are any questions about the format, contact the Commission staff member assigned to your institution.** When submitting your report, please send **four copies** to your Commission staff member.

Please note that with submission of this report, your institution will have submitted monitoring reports for a period of two years, concluding in December 2011. Federal regulations and Commission policy stipulate that if an institution does not demonstrate compliance with all the standards and requirements of the *Principles of Accreditation* within two years following initial action on the institution, representatives from the institution may be required to appear for a meeting on the record before the SACSCOC Board of Trustees, or one of its standing committees, to answer questions as to why the institution should not be removed from



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membership. If the Board of Trustees determines good cause at that time, the Board may extend the period for coming into compliance for a minimum of six months and a maximum of two years and must place the institution on Probation. If the Board does not determine good cause, the institution must be removed from membership. (See enclosed Commission policy "Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership," which includes the provisions for a determination of "good cause".) **Please note that institutions at the end of their two-year monitoring period should also include a report providing evidence supporting the conditions of "good cause" as described in the above referenced policy statement. The institution bears the burden of proof to provide evidence why the Commission should not remove it from membership.**

We appreciate your continued support of the activities of the Commission on Colleges. If you have questions, please contact the Commission staff member assigned to your institution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Belle S. Wheelan".

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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Enclosures

cc: Dr. Barry D. Goldstein