Dr. Walter C. Bartlett  
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Dear Dr. Bartlett:

The following action regarding your institution was taken at the June 2013 meeting of the Board of Trustees of SACS Commission on Colleges:

The Commission on Colleges reaffirmed accreditation with a request for a First Monitoring due April 15, 2014, addressing the visiting committee’s recommendation applicable to the following referenced standard of the Principles:

CS 3.5.1 (General Education Competencies), Recommendation 6  
The institution was not able to provide data showing the extent to which students have attained the general education competency in reading. The institution has measures in place to collect the data in fall 2013.

Your institution’s next reaffirmation will take place in 2023 unless otherwise notified.

Please submit to your Commission staff member, preferably by email, a one-page executive summary of your institution’s Quality Enhancement Plan. The summary is due August 15, 2013, and should include on the same page the following information: (1) the title of your Quality Enhancement Plan, (2) your institution’s name, and (3) the name, title, and email address of an individual who can be contacted regarding its development or implementation. This summary will be posted to the Commission’s Web site as a resource for other institutions undergoing the reaffirmation process.

All institutions are requested to submit an “Impact Report of the Quality Enhancement Plan on Student Learning” as part of the “Fifth-Year Interim Report” due five years before the next reaffirmation review. Institutions will be notified 11 months in advance by the President of the Commission regarding its specific due date.

Guidelines for the monitoring 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 Federal regulations and Commission policy stipulate that an institution must demonstrate compliance with all requirements and standards of the *Principles of Accreditation* within two years following the Commission's initial action on the institution. At the end of that two-year period, if the institution does not comply with all the standards and requirements of the *Principles*, representatives from the institution may be required to appear before the Commission, or one of its standing committees, to answer questions as to why the institution should not be removed from membership. If the Commission determines good cause at that time, the Commission 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 institution has been placed on Probation within the two-year period, extension of accreditation beyond the two-year period for good cause is dependent on the amount of time the institution has already been on Probation. An institution may be on Probation for not more than two years. If the Commission does not determine good cause or if the institution does not come into compliance within two years while on Probation, the institution must be removed from membership. (See enclosed Commission policy "Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal 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,

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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Enclosures

cc:  Dr. Barry D. Goldstein