



January 10, 2012

Dr. Cheryl D. Dozier  
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Dear Dr. Dozier:

The following action regarding your institution was taken at the December 2011 meeting of the Board of Trustees of SACS Commission on Colleges:

The Commission on Colleges continued accreditation, denied reaffirmation of accreditation, and placed the institution on Warning for **six months** for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

The institution is requested to submit a First Monitoring Report due **April 16, 2012**, addressing the visiting committee's recommendation applicable to the following referenced standard of the *Principles*:

**CR 2.8 (Faculty), Recommendation 1**

The institution did not provide evidence that an appropriate number of full-time faculty were assigned in the criminal justice program. The institution must provide evidence that it employs an adequate number of full-time faculty members in the criminal justice program to ensure the quality and integrity of the academic program.

The institution must use the Commission's "Faculty Roster Form" (enclosed) and document compliance during the spring 2012 term. The institution is asked to follow the instructions on the Faculty Roster Form.

The Commission did not authorize a Special Committee to visit the institution.

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 **five copies** to your Commission staff member.

Because your institution has been placed on a sanction, the Commission calls to your attention the enclosed policy entitled "Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership."



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Please note that Federal regulations and Commission policy stipulate that an institution must demonstrate compliance with all the standards and requirements 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 SACSCOC Board of Trustees, or one of its standing committees, to answer questions as to why the institution should not be removed from membership. If the Board 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.")

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the process, please contact your Commission staff member.

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. Nuria M. Cuevas  
Mr. Willis J. Potts, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Trustees