



SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS
COMMISSION ON COLLEGES

1866 Southern Lane • Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097

Telephone 404/679-4500 Fax 404/679-4558

www.sacscoc.org

January 6, 2005



Dr. T. K. Wetherell
President
Florida State University
211 Westcott Building
Tallahassee, FL 32306-1470



Dear Dr. Wetherell:

The following action regarding your institution was taken at the December 2004 meeting of the Commission on Colleges:

The Commission reaffirmed accreditation, including the College of Medicine (*approved 12/03*) and the campus in the Republic of Panama (*approved 12/03*). The institution is requested to submit a First Monitoring Report due September 22, 2005, addressing the committee recommendation applicable to the following referenced *Principles*:

CS 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness), Recommendation 2

The institution has made significant progress in documenting all phases of its institutional effectiveness process. An additional monitoring report is needed to provide evidence that the institution is using the results of assessment for improvement of its educational programs and its administrative and educational support services.

All institutions are requested to submit an "Impact Report of the Quality Enhancement Plan on Student Learning" five years after their reaffirmation review. Institutions will be notified by the Executive Director regarding its specific due date. For more information regarding the Impact Report, access www.sacscoc.org/commpub1.asp#Policies and click onto "Reports Submitted for Committee or Commission Review."

Guidelines for the additional report also 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 they have questions about the format, contact the Commission staff member assigned to your institution.** When submitting your report, please send the **original and three copies** to your Commission staff member.



Dr. T. K. Wetherell
January 6, 2005
Page Two

Please note that Federal regulations and Commission policy stipulate that an institution must remedy deficiencies within two years following the Commission's initial action on the institution. At the end of that two-year period, if the institution is not in compliance with the *Principles of Accreditation*, 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 Commission does not determine good cause, 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 staff member assigned to your institution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Rogers", is written over the typed name.

James T. Rogers
Executive Director
Commission on Colleges

JTR:ch

Enclosures

cc: Dr. W. Donald Crump