



January 15, 2019

Dr. Margaret H. Venable
President
Dalton State College
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Dear Dr. Venable:

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Committee on Fifth-Year Interim Reports reviewed the institution's compliance with select standards of the *Principles of Accreditation (Principles)* outlined in the SACSCOC Fifth-Year Interim Report. Based only on those reviewed standards, the institution is requested to submit a Referral Report due **September 9, 2019**, addressing the following referenced standards of the *Principles* identified below.

Standard 5.4 (Qualified administrative/academic officers)

This standard expects an institution to employ administrative and academic officers with appropriate experience and qualifications to lead the institution. Further, this standard expects an institution to evaluate those administrative and academic officers regularly.

No evidence was presented that demonstrated that the institution has followed its policy for evaluating officers. The institution should demonstrate that it regularly evaluates administrative and academic officers.

Standard 10.3 (Archived information)

This standard expects an institution to ensure the availability of archived official catalogs, digital or print, with relevant information for course and degree requirements sufficient to serve former and returning students.

This standard was not addressed in the report. The institution should address this standard.

Standard 10.9 (Cooperative academic arrangements)

This standard expects an institution to ensure the quality and integrity of the work recorded when it transcripts courses or credits as its own when offered through a cooperative academic arrangement. Further, this standard expects an institution to maintain formal agreements between the parties involved and regularly evaluate such agreements.

This standard was not addressed in the report. The institution should address this standard.

Standard 13.8 (Institutional environment)

This standard expects an institution to take reasonable steps to provide a healthy, safe, and secure environment for all members of the campus community

This standard was not addressed in the report. The institution should address this standard.



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Standard 14.1 (Publication of accreditation status)

This standard expects that an institution (a) accurately represents its accreditation status and publishes the name, address, and telephone number of SACSCOC in accordance with SACSCOC's requirements and federal policy and (b) ensures all its branch campuses include the name of that institution and make it clear that their accreditation is dependent on the continued accreditation of the parent campus.

This standard was not addressed in the report. The institution should address this standard.

Evaluation of the QEP Impact Report

The Committee also reviewed the institution's QEP Impact Report. The report was accepted with the following comments:

The institution has adequately described the initial goals and intended outcomes of its QEP, discussed the limited changes made in the QEP, discussed the impact on student learning and/or student success, and described what the institution has learned as a result of the QEP experience.

Guidelines for the Referral 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. When submitting your report, please send five (5) copies to your SACSCOC staff representative.**

Reports requested by the Committee on Fifth-Year Interim Reports will be forwarded to the Committees on Compliance and Reports (C & R), standing committees of SACSCOC Board of Trustees, for action at the meeting immediately following the due date of the Referral Report. The review by C & R will begin a two-year monitoring period within which your institution must document compliance with all the above referenced standards.

We appreciate your continued support of SACSCOC activities. If you have questions, please contact your SACSCOC staff representative.

Sincerely,

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

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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Enclosure

cc: Dr. Charles A. Taylor, Vice President, SACSCOC