

January 15, 2013

Dr. Paul E. Patton President University of Pikeville 147 Sycamore Street Pikeville, KY 41501

Dear Dr. Patton:

The following action regarding your institution was taken at the December 2012 meeting of Board of Trustees of SACS Commission on Colleges:

The Commission on Colleges reaffirmed accreditation. Your institution's next reaffirmation will take place in **2022** unless otherwise notified.

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

In order to ensure continuing compliance with the *Principles of Accreditation*, the Commission requested that the institution address in its Fifth-Year Interim Report continued compliance with the following referenced standard of the *Principles of Accreditation:* 

## CS 3.10.1 (Financial stability)

For a second consecutive year, the institution has achieved an operating surplus and increase in total net assets; however, the Committee was concerned regarding institutional projections of a balanced budget based on planned, significant enrollment growth supporting new and complex debt. The institution should document that its recent financial history continues to demonstrate financial stability. As part of the report, the institution is required to submit financial audit reports and management letters for the two most recent fiscal years, and include its most recent financial aid audit. The most recent year is defined as the fiscal year ending immediately prior to the due date of this report. In addition, the institution is required to include a statement of financial position of unrestricted net assets, exclusive of plant assets and plant-related debt, which represents the change in unrestricted net assets attributable to operations for the most recent year.

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 **February 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



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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.

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,

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.

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Enclosure

cc: Dr. Marsal P. Stoll