



June 29, 2023

Dr. Marcus D. Jones
President
Northwestern State University of Louisiana
310 Sam Sibley Drive
Natchitoches, LA 71497

Dear Dr. Jones:

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 should submit a Referral Report due **September 8, 2023**, addressing the following referenced standard of the *Principles*:

Standard 6.2.b (Program faculty)

For each of its educational programs, this standard expects an institution to employ a sufficient number of full-time faculty members to ensure curriculum and program quality, integrity, and review.

Although the institution presented the percentage of employed full-time faculty and student credit hour production for each College, the information was not disaggregated per educational program with a rationale that demonstrated the number of full-time faculty employed by the institution is sufficient to ensure curriculum and program quality, integrity, and review at the program level.

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 may be found in the enclosed SACSCOC policy *Reports Submitted for SACSCOC Review*. Since it is essential that institutions follow these guidelines, **please make certain that those responsible for preparing the report receive this document. If there are any questions about the format, contact the SACSCOC staff member assigned to your institution.** Please submit your report via the Institutional Portal by the deadline date.



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Referral Reports requested by the Committee on Fifth-Year Interim Reports will be forwarded to the Committees on Compliance and Reports (C&R), a standing committee of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees, for action at the meeting immediately following the due date of the report. If the institution fails to document compliance with the above listed standards at the time of this review, the C&R committee will recommend further review which may begin a two-year monitoring period within which the institution must document compliance with all standards.

We appreciate your continued support of SACSCOC's work and activities. If you have any questions, please contact your SACSCOC staff member assigned to your institution.

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. J. Matthew Melton, Vice President, SACSCOC