



July 2, 2019

Mr. Dan Gerlach  
Interim Chancellor  
East Carolina University  
1000 East Fifth Street  
Greenville, NC 27858-4353

Dear Chancellor Gerlach:

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Committee on Fifth-Year Interim Reports reviewed the institution's compliance with the 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 standard of the *Principles*:

**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.*

The institution did not include information relating to any investigations by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights for possible violations alleging sexual violence as part of its narrative addressing a healthy, safe, and secure campus environment. This should include any open investigations as well as closed investigations that were active at the time of the last SACSCOC comprehensive review or occurred since the last SACSCOC comprehensive review. If there were no investigations, the institution should make a statement to that fact.

**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 the environment supporting student learning, and described what the institution has learned as a result of the QEP experience.

Guidelines for the Referral Report are enclosed. Since it is essential that institutions follow these guidelines, **please make certain that those responsible for preparing the report receive this**



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**document. When submitting your report, please send six (6) copies to your SACSCOC vice president.**

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 standard 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 activities. If you have questions, please contact your SACSCOC vice president.

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. Linda Thomas-Glover, Vice President, SACSCOC