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Dr. Randy J. Dunn President Murray State University 218 Wells Hall Murray, KY 42071-3318

Dear Dr. Dunn:

The following action regarding your institution was taken at the June 2011 meeting of the Board of Trustees of SACS Commission on Colleges:

The Commission on Colleges reviewed the institution's Referral Report from the institution's Fifth-Year Interim Report in 2010. The institution is requested to submit a First Monitoring Report due **April 16, 2012**, addressing the following referenced standards of the *Principles*:

CS 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: Educational Support Services)

The submitted materials showed a lack of sufficient <u>recent</u> evidence showing systematic assessment linked to student learning outcomes. The report should clarify the elements of the institutional effectiveness process used by the institution and provide evidence of recent cycles of reporting to include identification of expected learning outcomes, assessment of these outcomes, and examples of program improvements derived from assessment. Materials should be provided for a broad and representative sample of programs.

CS 3.3.2 (Quality Enhancement Plan)

The QEP materials submitted did not demonstrate institutional capability to implement and complete the revised QEP. The report should provide documentation of the activities implemented and assessments conducted for the revised QEP on writing.

Guidelines for the monitoring 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. If there are any questions about the format, contact the Commission staff member assigned to your institution. When submitting your report, please send four copies to your Commission staff member.

Please note that Federal regulations and Commission policy stipulate that an institution must demonstrate compliance with all requirements and standards of the *Principles of Accreditation* within two years following the Commission's initial action on the institution. At the end of that two-year period, if the institution does not comply with all the standards and requirements of the *Principles*, representatives from the institution may be required to appear before the

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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 institution has been placed on Probation within the two-year period, extension of accreditation beyond the two-year period for good cause is dependent on the amount of time the institution has already been on Probation. An institution may be on Probation for not more than two years. If the Commission does not determine good cause or if the institution does not come into compliance within two years while on Probation, 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 Commission staff member assigned to your institution.

Sincerely,

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.

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President

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Enclosures

cc: Dr. Michael S. Johnson