MEMORANDUM

To: University Community
From: Doug Wartzok
Date: 12 April 2010
Subject: Successful SACS Outcome

The recently received report of the SACS on-site committee provides an analysis of all the Principles of Accreditation and documents FIU's compliance with 89 of 90 principles. One Comprehensive Standard (3.3.2) relating to the QEP received three recommendations regarding the institution's implementation readiness, goals and student learning outcomes, and their assessment.

Our compliance with key SACS principles was indeed an accomplishment when compared to other institutions' record of recommendations at this point in the review process (universities that went through the process in 2009—the most recent available data). Looking at the top four principles on which universities had recommendations:

- QEP [71% had recommendations, as did we]
- Identification, assessment, and use of assessment for improvement of student learning outcomes, program outcomes, and administrative outcomes [63% had recommendations, we had none]
- Identification, assessment and use of assessment for improvement of general education curriculum [46% had recommendations, we had none]
- Certification of faculty qualifications for teaching assigned courses [34% had recommendations, we had none]

The next step will be a Response to the Site Visit Report due 12 September 2010. The site visit report and response, plus the SACS site visit chair's assessment of compliance, will be reviewed by a SACS peer review committee in December. The SACS Board of Trustees will announce the decision regarding FIU's Reaffirmation of Accreditation at the 7 December 2010 Meeting of Members.

Thank you for your superior efforts in unit-level assessments, and all other compliance related initiatives which lead to our outstanding off-site and on-site review. I am counting on the faculty and faculty governance to continue to support the work of the QEP and assist with the necessary refinements for its development.