



SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS
COMMISSION ON COLLEGES

July 6, 2016

Dr. Randy K. Avent
President
Florida Polytechnic University
4700 Research Way
Lakeland, FL 33805

Dear Dr. Avent:

The following action regarding your institution was taken by the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges during its meeting held on June 16, 2016:

The SACSCOC Board of Trustees awarded initial candidacy and authorized it to complete a Compliance Certification in anticipation of an Accreditation Committee visit within two years. Candidacy is awarded for two years and is effective June 16, 2016. An institution may remain in candidacy status for a maximum of four years, renewable at the two-year period. As a reminder, an institution may not undergo substantive change while in candidacy.

Please consult with your Commission staff member, Dr. Mary P. Kirk, to schedule a staff advisory visit at a mutually convenient time in order to provide an orientation to the process and discuss various other aspects of the policies, procedures, and expectations of SACS Commission on Colleges, including scheduling a date for the Accreditation Committee visit.

The following materials will be sent to you by separate mailing in a few weeks. Please be advised as well that an electronic copy of the Compliance Certification and other forms may be found at http://www.sacscoc.org/inst_forms_and_info1.asp.

The Principles of Accreditation (Ten copies of the 2012 edition)
Compliance Certification (One copy)
Handbook for Institutions Seeking Initial Accreditation (Five copies)

Candidate and member institutions are assessed annual dues. You will receive an invoice from our business office for your institution's dues.

If you have questions regarding any aspect of the Commission's policies and procedures relating to the accreditation process, please direct them to Dr. Kirk who will be happy to assist you. We congratulate you on achieving Candidacy status and wish you success as you continue the membership process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Belle S. Wheelan".

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Dr. Mary P. Kirk, Vice President, SACSCOC