



SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS
COMMISSION ON COLLEGES

January 11, 2017

Dr. Rodney D. Bennett
President
The University of Southern Mississippi
118 College Drive, Box 5001
Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001

Dear Dr. Bennett:

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 December 4, 2016:

The SACSCOC Board of Trustees reaffirmed accreditation. No additional report was requested. Your institution's next reaffirmation will take place in **2026** unless otherwise notified.

Please submit to your Commission staff member, preferably by email, a **one-page** executive summary of your institution's Quality Enhancement Plan. The summary is due **February 15, 2017**, and should include on the same page the following information: (1) the title of your Quality Enhancement Plan, (2) your institution's name, and (3) the name, title, and email address of an individual who can be contacted regarding its development or implementation. This summary will be posted to the Commission's website as a resource for other institutions undergoing the reaffirmation process.

All institutions are requested to submit an "Impact Report of the Quality Enhancement Plan on Student Learning" as part of their "Fifth-Year Interim Report" due five years before their next reaffirmation review. Institutions will be notified 11 months in advance by the President of the Commission regarding its specific due date. Directions for completion of the report will be included with the notification.

We appreciate your continued support of the activities of SACS Commission on Colleges. If you have questions, please contact the 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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cc: Dr. Patricia L. Donat