Dr. Joe M. King  
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Dear Dr. King:

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

The Commission on Colleges approved the change of governance from the Louisiana State University System to the University of Louisiana System, and authorized an on-site review by a Substantive Change Committee.

The Commission provided the following comments to assist the institution in preparing for the visit of the Substantive Change Committee:

For UNO to transfer successfully to the University of Louisiana management system, changes must be made that will accommodate variations in rules, policies and procedures, and practices of the two systems; that will address and reconcile legal and financial issues; and that will properly situate UNO as an institutional member under the UL System Board of Supervisors as mandated by Louisiana State Law.

Where policy differences do exist, the ULS policy should be adopted at the time of transfer or in the semester after the transfer. Most policies required by the UL System but not included in the LSU System should be adopted at the time of transfer; however, review is required by UNO to determine if campus policies and practices need to be modified to re-align with the ULS policy. Policies included in the LSU System but not mandated by the UL System may be eliminated for UNO upon the transfer. Again, it is the responsibility of UNO to determine if campus policy shaped by LSUS policy needs to continue or needs to be modified. A number of campus policy and reporting requirements were identified; these should be reviewed and implemented by UNO with Board action and approval taken as required. The Substantive Change Committee will evaluate issues pertaining to required policy changes in order to determine that these have been successfully implemented or are in the process of being implemented in a timely manner.
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We appreciate your continued support of the activities of the Commission on Colleges. If you have questions, please contact the staff member assigned to your institution.

Sincerely,

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Dr. Barry D. Goldstein