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Greetings! I hope you are enjoying some down time before the beginning of the fall semester. I am writing to provide you with some information related to recent actions taken by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees at its June meeting and to update you on a few other things.

First of all, actions taken by the board are listed and explained on the attachment to this email (the documents will be posted to the Commission's Web site by August 1<sup>st</sup>). If you have any questions about any of those actions, please feel free to contact me or the Executive Council member from your state.

Secondly, we just completed our 10<sup>th</sup> Summer Institute on Quality Enhancement and Accreditation. Though we increased the participation to 1,000 attendees, we still had a waiting list of almost 200 people. The Institute continues to receive very positive feedback as to relevance, clarification of SACSCOC processes, and opportunities to share best practices in student learning outcomes and assessment. If you have not sent anyone to the meeting, please consider next year's Institute which will be held in Orlando, FL, July 19-22, 2015.

Thirdly, as a result of retirements, death and growth in responsibilities, we have several new staff or current staff in new positions at the Commission. They include:

Dr. Michael Hoefer, Vice President

Dr. Mary Kirk, Vice President

Dr. Alexei Matveev, Director of Training and Research

Dr. Kevin Sightler, Coordinator of Substantive Change

Ms. Tenille Wilson, Administrative Assistant, Business Office

Rest assured that they are as dedicated to being helpful to you as is the more seasoned staff. You can find their contact information on our Web page.

And lastly, I want to thank each and every one of you for your support and encouragement over these past nine years. The Board has decided to keep me around for another year and I'm truly excited about next year's activities which include a review of all of the *Principles*, the Reauthorization of the Higher

Education Act, and continuous improvements to our database and technology services.

We encourage you to check our Web site regularly, especially the page listing recent changes to the site. When there are significant changes, you will receive an email from my office calling those changes to your attention.

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