Ms. Teresa A. Sullivan  
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Dear Ms. Sullivan:

The Commission’s policy, “Standing Rules, SACSCOC Board of Trustees, Executive Council, and the College Delegate Assembly,” (available at www.sacscoc.org) stipulates that the Commission give appropriate consideration to significant accreditation-related unsolicited information revealed about an institution between periods of scheduled review. This policy provides that an institution be afforded the opportunity to respond to concerns raised by the review of the unsolicited information.

I am writing you today because recent news in multiple sources (e.g., Inside Higher Ed, Academe Today/The Chronicle of Higher Education, Rolling Stone magazine, etc.) regarding sexual assault at the University of Virginia have raised questions about UVA’s ongoing compliance with The Principles of Accreditation. In light of these circumstances and in accordance with the Commission’s policy on handling unsolicited information, I am requesting that the institution prepare a report that explains and documents the extent of compliance with the following standard:

- Comprehensive Standard 3.11.2 Institutional Environment  
  This standard expects an institution to take reasonable steps to provide a healthy, safe, and secure environment for all members of the campus community.

As part of your response, please provide the following: (1) information made available to students regarding instances of sexual assaults as well as how it is posted for easy accessibility, (2) grievance procedures for students who allege sexual assault, (3) the line of internal reporting within the institution regarding such actions of a criminal nature, and (4) the training used for orienting key institutional personnel dealing with sexual assault cases at the University.

If the institution has changed its practices since the release of the articles referenced above, your report should include what existed both before and after the recent reports regarding sexual assault.

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Please submit to my office two copies of the institution’s response to this letter no later than January 6, 2015. The response should include supporting documents addressing compliance. *The Principles of Accreditation* may be found at [www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org). A copy of *The Principles* is also included with this letter.

In accord with Commission policy on the receipt of unsolicited information, the institution’s response will be reviewed, and if Commission staff determines that the information is of factual substance and is accreditation related, the information and documentation, along with the institution’s response, will be forwarded to the SACSCOC Board of Trustees for formal review at its next meeting. Or, it is possible that the President of SACSCOC could authorize a Special Committee to review the institution.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (404) 679-4501, ext. 4525.

Sincerely,

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Vice President

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cc: Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President SACSCOC

Enclosure