The visiting team was here yesterday to evaluate the evidence cited in Follow-up report # 3. I had an opportunity to discuss some of their findings with the Chair, Dr. Douglas Houston, before the team left. They will be completing their confidential report within the next few weeks and will be sending it to the Commission for review at the January Commission meeting of the ACCJC.

I think there is good news and not-so good news. The good news is that you all have done a fantastic job in meeting and exceeding recommendations 2 and 3. While I do not have any direct evidence that we will receive a positive rating for those recommendations, it was inferred that the team was pleased with the evidence that they saw in those recommendations. One comment that was made was that we need to do a better job in demonstrating compliance with AP6200.

The not-so-good news is that the feedback about recommendation 6 was not so positive. In summary, I was told that in recommendation 6 we were required to present a PLAN to resolve our budget deficit, and in reality we proposed a strategy, which did not rise to the level of a plan. A PLAN requires that we actually include completion dates for each of the strategic alternatives. What the effect of having a strategy as opposed to a plan would be in terms of re-affirmation remains to be seen.

I would like to thank those who gave up part of their day to meet with the visiting team. When we work together to meet and exceed expectations the institution will succeed.

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