VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

President James Ammons
Florida A&M University
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Dear President Ammons:

On behalf of the NCAA Division I Committee on Athletics Certification, I am writing to inform you of deliberations completed by the committee as part of its February 20-21 meeting. The committee reviewed all written materials related to your institution’s athletics self-study. I am pleased to inform you that the committee determined Florida A&M University has been certified.

Consistent with procedures adopted by the NCAA Division I membership, the decision of the committee will be announced publicly through a standard press release the morning of Tuesday, April 15.

Your institution’s communications liaison can help facilitate the communication of this information to your local media, the educational community and other interested parties. Jennifer Kearns of the NCAA’s public information staff has been in touch with your communications liaison to coordinate the NCAA release with any local or regional release your institution may have planned.

Please contact Amy Huchthausen or Charnele Kemper, staff liaisons to the committee, at the NCAA national office if you have questions concerning actions of the committee or about the athletics certification program in general.

On behalf of the other members of the committee, I hope your involvement in the self-study process was beneficial. Please feel free to forward your comments to Ms. Huchthausen, Ms. Kemper or me if you have suggestions for improving the process.

Sincerely,

Nathan O. Hatch, chair
NCAA Division I Committee on Athletics Certification

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. William Hayes
    Dr. Keith Jackson
    Dr. William Ravenell
    Dr. Dennis E. Thomas
As part of its February 20-21, 2008, meeting, the NCAA Division I Committee on Athletics Certification reviewed written materials related to the self-study of athletics completed by Florida A&M University.

Certification Status

Based on the information submitted, the committee determined that your institution should be certified.

This classification means that your institution is considered to be operating its athletics program in substantial conformity with operating principles adopted by the Association’s Division I membership and that any problems identified during the course of the self study and the peer-review team’s evaluation have been corrected or were not considered to be serious enough to affect your institution’s certification status.

The committee recognizes that the peer-review team made a good-faith effort to review issues regarding your athletics program. Additionally, the peer-review team may have offered various opportunities for enhancement to improve your institution’s athletics program. Your institution should feel free to review those comments to consider the extent to which they are consistent with the operating principles and would improve the quality of the athletics program. Your institution is obligated to take specific actions; however, only for those plans for improvement developed by your institution.

The committee received your institution’s self-study report and any subsequent responses with the understanding that any plans for improvement outlined by your institution will be implemented according to the deadlines your institution has established.

The committee hopes that the athletics-certification process has helped to educate individuals across the campus about the goals and purpose of the intercollegiate athletics program, revealed the aspects of the athletics program that are worthy of praise and provided an opportunity to improve the intercollegiate athletics program.