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Dr. Michael Johnson  
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Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
Commission on Colleges  
1866 Southern Lane  
Decatur, GA 30033

Dear Dr. Johnson:

This letter comprises Florida A&M University's (FAMU) response to the report issued by the Special Committee following its September 24-26, 2013 site visit. We thank the committee members for their professional work and valuable contributions to the peer review process. We are gratified that the Special Committee gave the University a thorough review and that the report contained no recommendations. While we understand that the Board of Trustees of SACSCOC will meet to vote on our status going forward, we are pleased that the Special Committee judged the institution to be in compliance with the standards reviewed. We are appreciative of the feedback that was offered by the Committee. We will incorporate the feedback into our ongoing efforts for continuous improvement.

The Special Committee shared concerns regarding the University's ability to sustain the progress moving forward during the pending transition in the Office of the President. On behalf of the FAMU Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, staff, and students, I want to reiterate the commitment that the entire University community has made to ensure that the corrective actions have been institutionalized and that they will remain in effect moving forward. To this end, the University continues to implement monitoring processes and adherence to new procedures to assure that the passage of time does not derail the corrective actions.

The Chair of the FAMU Board of Trustees announced at the start of the October 3, 2013 Board meeting that the Presidential search would resume immediately. As the University embarks on this important search, it is expected that the selected individual will possess the qualities of proven integrity, excellence in leadership and administrative oversight necessary to maintain the University's compliance with SACSCOC accreditation standards.

We appreciate your encouragement and continued support of our efforts. Please contact me if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Larry Robinson  
Interim President

cc: Rodner Wright, Interim Provost  
Maurice Edington, Accreditation Liaison