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To: USF Community

From: Judy Genshaft, President

University of South Florida System

Congratulations to USF St. Petersburg on today's announcement by SACS that the institution is no longer under sanction. The faculty, the administration and Interim Regional Chancellor Margaret Sullivan accepted and exceeded the challenge of creating a strong assessment and evaluation system for student success.

Below is the announcement from USF St. Petersburg.

SACS Updates Accreditation Status

(St. Petersburg, Fla.) June 25, 2009 – The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools announced today that the University of South Florida St. Petersburg is no longer on sanction. The report of the institution was accepted with no further follow up required.

Interim Regional Chancellor Margaret Sullivan said the University of South Florida St. Petersburg made significant progress in implementing an assessment program that not only meets, but exceeds SACS requirements for General Education and Student Success.

Sullivan said, "This is a very fine institution and the committees have completed the necessary work to demonstrate compliance. The faculty is to be commended for this outstanding response to the Commission on Colleges."

The university will continue its documentation and reports required for its regularly scheduled reaffirmation in 2011.

History

While USF St. Petersburg remained an accredited institution during the last year, it was placed on probation in June 2008 by the Commission for a 12-month period. USF St. Petersburg achieved success in 87 of the 89 standards required for accreditation, but the commission determined two areas required further development: evaluation of the general education program and the evaluation of student success.

A Special Committee visited USFSP in May 2009 and submitted a report to the Commission on Colleges. This report was reviewed by the Commission along with the Fourth Monitoring Report submitted by USFSP. At its regularly scheduled June 25 meeting, the Commission had the following options: remove probation without an additional monitoring report; continue the institution on probation, request an additional monitoring report and authorize a Special Committee; or remove the institution's accreditation.

-USF St. Petersburg-