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Dear Dr. Folt:

I am writing to you after having read the article written by Dan Kane that appeared in a North Carolina newspaper last Thursday. I have no doubt that it must have created much consternation at the University. I want you to know, however, that I did NOT tell Mr. Kane we were reopening the investigation into the University.

I took great pains to explain to him that we have a policy and process by which we review unsolicited information and that the report you sent us from the NCAA would fall under that heading. I told Mr. Kane that, after reading the report, if there was anything in it that would put the University out of compliance with the *Principles of Accreditation* of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), it would be then that we would investigate.

Mr. Kane also asked if it was possible that the upcoming reaffirmation of the University would be impacted by the report. I indicated to him that the report was NOT going to be considered during the reaffirmation process; however, our policy allows us to investigate non-compliance issues at any time.

After reading the newspaper article, I spent the weekend reading the NCAA report and I have found no issues of non-compliance with our *Principles*; therefore, there is no reason to reopen the investigation. I do not believe the actions of the NCAA impact the decision previously made by the SACSCOC Board.

I'm sorry for any anxiety the article caused and look forward to seeing you in Dallas at the SACSCOC Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,

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