



October 24, 2012

Dr. John O. Schwenn
President
Dalton State College
650 College Drive
Dalton, GA 30720

Dear Dr. Schwenn:

Thank you again for the hospitality and helpfulness extended to the Reaffirmation Committee during its visit to **Dalton State College on September 18-20, 2012**. Enclosed is the final report prepared by the Committee.

The report represents the professional judgment of the Reaffirmation Committee made in accordance with the *Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement* and subject to review by the Commission on Colleges and its standing review committees—the Committees on Compliance and Reports. Some parts of the report are directly related to the requirements of the *Principles*, while others may represent advisory comments offered by the visiting committee in a spirit of helpfulness. A formal recommendation is included when a visiting committee judges that the institution does not comply with a particular standard of the *Principles*. All recommendations included in a visiting committee report have been adopted by the total committee and require an institutional response.

The Commission on Colleges and its Committees on Compliance and Reports meet officially in June and in December. Final decisions on accreditation are made public following each meeting. The report of the committee which visited your institution will be reviewed in **June 2013**. For that meeting, you should prepare a written statement of your response to the recommendations contained in the Committee's report. **Guidelines for the response are enclosed, and it is critical that they be followed when developing your institutional response.** Also, please submit **five** copies of the University's **QEP** provided to the visiting Committee. The Compliance and Reports Committees are reviewing these documents as they work to ensure consistency in the evaluation decisions of On-Site Committees.

Please submit **five** copies of your written **response** to my attention at the office of the Commission on Colleges on or before **February 20, 2013**.



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The Commission on Colleges endeavors to maintain a cooperative and constructive relationship with officials in system and state offices. However, because of the institutional nature of the accreditation process, it is preferable that these committee reports be furnished to the system or state offices by the institution rather than directly by the Commission office. Therefore, you will also find enclosed a second copy of the report.

An institution may publicly release its visiting committee report; however, release of this report in its entirety or in part must be accompanied by the following statement: "The findings of this visiting committee represent a preliminary assessment of the institution at this time; final action on the report rests with the Commission on Colleges." If the institution releases part of its report, that part must contain a note stating: "A copy of the entire report can be obtained from the institution."

Please express my sincere appreciation to all members of your faculty and staff for their cooperation and assistance during the review process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claudette H. Williams/rlb".

Claudette H. Williams
Vice President

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Enclosures