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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: Holden Thorp *HHT*
DATE: December 12, 2012
RE: Update on the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges

On Monday night, I received a call to let us know that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) will appoint a committee to review the University's response to the academic irregularities discovered during the joint NCAA and University investigation of the football program. This is not a sanction.

It is not surprising that a respected accrediting agency like SACS would want to take a closer look at the University's response. We will send the commission both reports you will receive next week from Governor Martin and Baker Tilly. Commission staff knew those reviews were pending. At this time, we do not have details about the committee's membership, specific assignment or the timing of the campus visit. We expect to receive official notification sometime next week.

The University is proudly a founding member of SACS. The peer-guided accreditation process is an important measure of accountability in the higher education community to maintain high academic standards. We appreciate the opportunity to demonstrate for SACS the reforms that we have put into place to ensure that these academic irregularities never occur again.

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cc: Chancellor's Cabinet
Deans' Council