



December 14, 2023

President Richard Corcoran
New College of Florida
5800 Bay Shore Road
Sarasota, FL 34243-2109

Dear President Corcoran:

Thank you for your combined responses to my letters dated September 25, 2023 and October 2, 2023, requesting an explanation and documentation regarding your institution's ongoing compliance with the *Principles of Accreditation (Principles)*, specifically related to Core Requirement 2.1 (*Institutional mission*), as well as Standards 4.2.a (Mission Review), 4.2.b (Board/administrative distinction), 5.4 (Qualified administrative/academic officers), 5.5 (Personnel appointment and evaluation), 6.2.a (Faculty qualifications), and 12.2 (Student support services staff). This request was made following receipt of unsolicited information alleging that New College of Florida has changed its mission without going through the appropriate governance and accreditation reporting processes; hiring practices related to qualified/academic officers, student support services staff; and personnel appointment of employees with little to no experience in higher education and inadequate credentials.

The staff and I reviewed the institution's narrative and the supporting documents that included: (1) Annual Accountability Plan, (2) Strategic Plan, (3) New College of Florida Board of Trustees agendas and minutes; (4) Board of Governors presentation; (5) Bylaws of the New College of Florida Board of Trustees; (6) Florida Statutes; (7) President's Council agendas; (8) New College of Florida Faculty Handbook, (9) Faculty meeting minutes, (10) faculty rosters, (11) resumes, position descriptions, evaluations, and narrative detailing the educational and experiential qualifications of the newly hired Vice President for Enrollment Management, Executive Director of New Students and Graduate Admissions, Dean of Students, and Executive Director & Vice President for Advancement. Following this review, the SACSCOC staff and I have decided that the unsolicited information and its accompanying documents did not support a determination of your institution's non-compliance with the *Principles*. Therefore, no additional follow-up is required by your institution.

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

cc: Dr. Kelli V. Randall, Vice President, SACSCOC