



December 14, 2023

President Richard Corcoran  
New College of Florida  
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Dear President Corcoran:

Thank you for your response to my letter dated September 7, 2023, regarding unsolicited information and the institution's ongoing compliance with SACSCOC accreditation standards. Your response provided an explanation and documentation regarding your institution's ongoing compliance with the *Principles of Accreditation (Principles)*, specifically related to Core Requirement 4.1.d (*Governing board characteristics*), as well as Standards 4.2.d (*Conflict of interest*), 4.2.f (*External influences*), 6.4 (*Academic freedom*) and 10.4 (*Academic governance*). This request was made following receipt of unsolicited information alleging control by a minority of board members; conflict of interest among board members; board protection of the institution from influence by external persons or bodies; and closure of programs and implementation of new curriculum without input from campus constituents.

The staff reviewed the institution's narrative and the supporting documents that included (1) the Constitution of the State of Florida, (2) 2023 Florida Statutes, (3) New College of Florida Regulations; (4) New College of Florida Faculty Handbook, (5) New College of Florida Collective Bargaining Agreement with United Faculty of Florida, (6) New College of Florida misconduct policy, acceptable use policy, and sexual discrimination/harassment policy, (7) Florida Board of Governors Regulation, (8) Core Curriculum Framework document, (9) emails, and (10) board meeting minutes. 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