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Dear NSU Spartans:

On December 9, 2014, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) announced that Norfolk State University (NSU) was placed on probation for 12 months. At this time, the University expects to receive the official notice detailing the specific areas of concerns in January.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information about the probation, what it means for the institution and our current and future students. We acknowledge your concerns and assure you that the University is committed to addressing any legitimate concerns raised by SACSCOC in an appropriate and transparent manner. While SACSCOC has yet to provide the official notice of the specific details about the probation, it is important that parents of students and students be reassured regarding NSU's accreditation.

To provide that reassurance, we would like to make clear to our students, future students and their parents the following:

- NSU remains a fully accredited institution. Federal funding and student aid are not threatened. The SACSCOC probationary period of 12 months provides the institution time to prove our compliance with the SACSCOC Principles of Accreditation.
- The academic integrity of NSU and its academic programming are not in question. The decision that resulted in the one-year probation included nothing about the institution's academic quality. The Board of Visitors and Administration are committed to maintaining and enhancing the quality of our academic programs. The SACSCOC probation has no effect on the day-to-day commitment of the University community to its goals of instruction and research.
- The University will address in an appropriate and transparent manner any legitimate concerns cited by SACSCOC.
- Norfolk State University is fully cognizant of the investment students and parents have in an NSU education; we are committed to maintaining the value of a Norfolk State degree.
- Upon receiving the SACSCOC official notice about the sanction of probation, we will communicate our plan to immediately address those concerns.

For detailed information on accreditation and the recent SACSCOC decision to place NSU on probation, please review the Frequently Asked Questions provided at www.nsu.edu. On behalf of the Spartan family, I thank you for your support. We reaffirm our commitment to providing a high quality educational experience for all of our students and look forward to serving another generation of Spartans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sandra J. DeLoatch'.

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