



MEMORANDUM

December 15, 2016

TO: Texas Tech University Community

FROM: Lawrence Schovanec, President

SUBJECT: SACSCOC Reaffirmation

You may recall in January, Texas Tech University's accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) was reaffirmed through 2025. We were however required to submit a monitoring report to SACSCOC for Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness – Educational Programs), commonly referred to as degree program-level assessment.

I am pleased to inform you that at last week's 2016 SACSCOC Annual Meeting we learned that Texas Tech successfully responded to the monitoring report for Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 with no further action required. This is very welcome news and reflects the work of many faculty and staff. The Office of Institutional Effectiveness (IE) within the Office of the Provost has led the effort to enhance the continuous cycle of improvement to promote administrative and academic excellence. I especially want to acknowledge the leadership of Vice Provost of Institutional Effectiveness Darryl James, Managing Director of the Office of Planning Jennifer Hughes, and all members of IE. The support at the college and departmental levels was critical as well.

As we move forward, we want to make sure that we continue to improve the assessment processes that have been put in place over the past year and a half so that these efforts yield actions that inform continued improvement in all degree programs and are not solely done to comply with accreditation. Before we know it, our five year review will be upon us, and I am confident that as our IE processes continue to mature we will have demonstrated several years of continued improvement that positively impacted student success at Texas Tech.