

Date: April 14, 2022

To: FMU Community

From: FMU SACSCOC Task Force

Re: SACSCOC Status Update

As many of you are aware, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Site Review Committee visited our campus this week. After an intense week of meetings, presentations, and deliberations, we are pleased to share an important update regarding our SACSCOC status: the SACSCOC Site Review Committee's preliminary recommendation to its Board of Trustees is to remove FMU's Probation for Good Cause status. The SACSCOC Site Review Committee rendered no additional recommendations are necessary and concluded that FMU has met and satisfied <u>all</u> standards. This June, the SACSCOC Board of Trustees will render a final decision based on the Site Review Committee's recommendations.

We are our also proud to announce that our request for a level change to offer the Education Specialist degree received full support and recommendation for approval.

The FMU SACSCOC Task Force has worked tirelessly over the past 10 months to ensure all issues were addressed in order to regain full compliance with SACSCOC. This almost year-long journey has posed challenges that required the FMU SACSCOC Task Force, the leadership team, and the Board of Trustees to make very difficult decisions that will strengthen FMU. Through these difficulties, FMU remained steadfast in reimagining the University's future. By spearheading innovative partnerships, creating new industry-leading programs, and increasing our charitable giving, we can remain proud about the University's legacy.

We must also thank you, our Lion family, for all of your help and support as we navigated through this process. As we approach the finish line, we will continue to keep you informed of any developments. As part of our transparent communication efforts, we will hold a town hall meeting on **Wednesday**, **April 20 at 4:00 p.m**. in the Lou Rawls Center for the Performing Arts. The SACSCOC Board of Trustees will render a final decision after its annual conference in June.