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Greetings FVSU family.

We have received word from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) that the accrediting body has lifted the warning status applied to FVSU last summer. We will make a public announcement as soon as SACSCOC releases this information officially within the next few days.

This affirms the appropriateness of our strategic direction and the progressiveness of our institutional trajectory. Over the past few years, we have all worked extremely hard to put in place programs and processes which have not only strengthened the student experience, but have also enhanced our efficient stewardship of the funds entrusted to us. The result has been our ability to respond affirmatively when questions have arisen and to discuss our work with confidence and competence. As we prepare for the scheduled 10-year reaffirmation process, we will continue to build upon our solid foundation as we strive to become a model of student-centered effectiveness in higher education.

I want to applaud each of you for your role in ensuring that we provided a thorough picture of the university to SACSCOC as we responded to the concerns raised in the warning action. That you were able to do so without interrupting the important work you do for our students every day speaks volumes about the dedication embodied in the FVSU instructional and administrative culture. In particular, I want to acknowledge the leadership of Dr. Frank Archer III, our SACSCOC liaison, during this process.

Our demonstrated teamwork and collective pursuit of excellence only increases my confidence that this university can raise the bar to unprecedented levels because of the unswerving commitment of our faculty and staff. We have lots of work left to do, but we are most certainly headed down the most meaningful path.

Thank you for your unique contribution to the forward progress of FVSU.

Sincerely,

Paul Jones, Ph.D.
President