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Dear Kentucky Wesleyan Community,

Kentucky Wesleyan College has a rich history of 160+ years of higher education and molding our students to be leaders in their respective communities. We are proud of our Panther tradition and continually strive to improve the institution for our students and larger community.

Over the past two years, SACSCOC has placed Kentucky Wesleyan College on monitoring for failure to fully comply with its requirements regarding finances. The College has been working diligently to improve this area under SACSCOC regulations, and has made consistent advancement over this period. During its meeting in September of 2020, SACSCOC listed KWC as Extended Accreditation for Good Cause with probation. This ruling means that governing agency was not ready to remove all sanctions from KWC, but that it felt:

1. Institution demonstrated significant recent accomplishments in addressing non-compliance
2. Institution has provided evidence which makes it reasonable for the Board to assume it will remedy all deficiencies withing a 12-month period
3. Institution provided assurance to the Board that it is not aware of any other reasons, other than those identified by the Board, cannot be continued for Good Cause.

Given the timeline on which we have been working on the issues originally cited by SACSCOC, this is the outcome we expected. Since 2019, KWC has posted strong financial scores in multiple areas, has seen a rise in enrollment from 637 to 845 (helping to bring in more tuition funding), and has rearranged its financial office to give better oversight during each and every year regarding its finances. Our numbers for FY2020 are strong and we expect that our numbers for FY2021 will trend in the same direction. We must be able to show consistent strength to SACSCOC and this is an assignment on which we work every day. It should be noted that we are compliant in the other 13 standards at this time.

KWC will receive a virtual campus visit from SACSCOC in the coming academic year at which time they will be able to note whether we have made ample progress. We will file a monitoring report to the governing agency in April of 2021 and their Board will make a ruling on the standing of KWC at that time. Given our past two years, and our projected numbers, I am confident that we are on track to make a good impression with the campus visit and the



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monitoring report. We have every intention of complying with each of SACSCOC concerns within the allotted 12 month period.

Kentucky Wesleyan College strives to be a leader in higher education, a leader in the community, and we are proud of our SACSCOC accreditation. Our goal is to keep all three of these issues at the forefront as we move forward and will strive to remain a place of which you will always be proud!

Paws up Panther nation!

Sincerely,

Tom Mitzel, Ph.D.
President