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Dr. P. George Benson
President
College of Charleston
President's Office, Randolph Hall
66 George Street
Charleston, SC 29424

Dear Dr. Benson:

The Committee on Fifth-Year Interim Reports reviewed the institution's compliance with the 17 select standards of the *Principles of Accreditation* outlined in the Commission's Fifth-Year Interim Report. The Committee requested no additional report.

QEP Impact Report

The Committee also reviewed the institution's QEP Impact Report. The report was accepted with the following comments:

The College of Charleston's revamped *First Year Experience* that was enhanced by adding learning communities demonstrated the importance of close interaction with faculty and peer mentors. Reducing the number of goals from 7 to 3 allowed the institution to focus more specifically on the three areas: writing, using academic resources, and information literacy. Piloting the portfolio assessment model of writing will hopefully enhance and expand the quality of writing of the institution's students.

The institution adequately documented the implementation of its QEP, including changes made to the plan throughout its implementation, summarized the level of success in achieving the desired impact on student learning and/or the environment supporting student learning, and reflected upon the implementation of the QEP as a learning experience for the institution.

We appreciate your continued support of the activities of the Commission on Colleges. If you have questions, please contact the staff member assigned to your institution.

Sincerely,

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Dr. Marsal P. Stoll