

June 30, 2010

Dr. Charles Blaich, Director of Inquiries  
Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts  
Wabash College

Dear Dr. Blaich:

The College of Charleston is committed to using the Wabash Study as an opportunity to intentionally engage in applying evidence to our efforts to improve student learning. To that end, we agree to fully support participation in the Wabash Study including the process for assembling the Assessment Portfolio, the three-year timeline, and the commitment of \$10,000 in institutional funds for an improvement budget to respond to the findings of the study.

The College of Charleston's new strategic plan, Gateways to Greatness, is primarily focused on building academic excellence and a student-centered community while taking full advantage of the history, traditions, culture, and environment of Charleston and the Lowcountry of South Carolina. The strategic plan is the result of a two-year planning process that engaged the entire campus community. Likewise, implementation of the plan will require the same level of commitment and care, particularly in a time of rapidly diminishing state resources.

The Wabash Study offers the College the opportunity from the start to build an evidence-based culture of inquiry around the enhancement of existing programs to improve student learning. First and foremost, Gateways to Greatness is about facilitating partnerships and collaboration in support of integrated student learning. We intend to provide our students with a highly personalized education based on a liberal arts and sciences core and enhanced by opportunities for experiential learning as well as the global and interdisciplinary perspectives necessary to address the issues of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

We welcome this challenge and look forward to working with the Center and the other participating institutions.

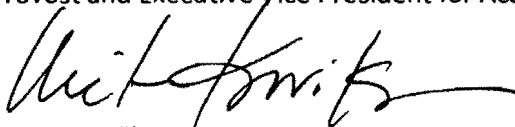
Sincerely,



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