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This letter accompanies an addendum to Virginia Tech's First Follow-Up Report submitted in October 1999. Following your letter of March 10, we submitted a list of all program changes since 1994 when annual reporting to the Commission on Colleges ceased. Per recommendations received in response to that submission dated April 17 (Appendix 1C), we have prepared the enclosed report. We hope that it will satisfy the requirements for Section 1.2, *Application of the Criteria*. Virginia Tech wishes to be fully cooperative in this process and has respect for the guidelines. It is our intention to provide any and all reporting as required in the *Criteria*.

To that end, I would like to provide an update on progress made toward remedying the other four outstanding recommendations following the First Follow-Up Report. Two of the recommendations related to assessment of distance learning programs and services and I am pleased to tell you that those assessments have been completed and our Second Follow-Up Report will show how those assessments were used toward improvements in the programs. A third issue was to provide documentation of the annual monitoring of compliance with intercollegiate athletic policies for 1999, and we have that report for your review in September, also. Lastly, the university has adopted a strong policy about the use of graduate teaching assistants and the requirement that they have earned 18 graduate semester hours in their teaching discipline. We will provide audit data to you in September to show how this policy is enforced.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide information about the substantive change issue prior to the Second Follow-Up Report. I look forward to the review following the June 20-22, 2000, meeting and trust that Virginia Tech will be found to be fully compliant.

If I may be of further assistance in this process, please contact me at 540-231-6231. Or you may contact Dr. David Ford at 540-231-4167.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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