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MEMO TO: The University Community

FROM:

Earl Lazerson

SUBJECT: NCA Visit

The eight-member team appointed by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools concluded its visit to the University yesterday. The chair of the team, Dean William Halloran, expressed his appreciation to the University community for its hospitality and cooperation. I also thank you for your help and support during the team's visit.

The team found that the University fully satisfies the General Institutional Requirements and the four Criteria for Accreditation. On the basis of this finding, it recommended that the University be re-accredited for the maximum period of ten years through the doctoral level. The next comprehensive evaluation will occur in 2002-2003.

The team will submit a draft final report to me by May 17, 1993. In addition to the above matters, the written report will contain a list of institutional strengths, a number of concerns that SIUE must address prior to the next accreditation visit, and some non-binding recommendations that are offered as collegial advice. The team will also make recommendations that have the effect of limiting doctoral programming to the Doctor of Dental Medicine degree and that require SIUE to gain NCA approval prior to initiating any new doctoral programs. I will have an opportunity to correct errors of fact prior to the team's submission of the final report to the NCA on May 31, 1993. The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the NCA will act on the final report in its regular meeting of August 4-6, 1993.

I am pleased that the visiting team recognizes SIUE's excellence, and I thank you for your part in that achievement.