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## 2018 SACSCOC - CS 5.3

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Good Evening Dr. Pollard:

I trust you are well and experiencing God's abundant blessings today. Cynthia asked me to share this initial response in preparation for your conversation.

Thank you for communicating your concerns stemming from the new SACSCOC accreditation standards effective January 2018. While the 2018 CS numbers are new (in the 2012 edition they were CS 3.2.12 & 3.2.13) the institutional control reporting of foundation activities and legal clarification of liabilities with regards to other "Institutional-related entities" has existed in the SACS standards for many years.

I've attached a copy of the first pages of both the OUAA Constitution (last revision April 2017) and Bylaws (last revision November 2017). I believe they address CS 5.3c.2. Additionally, the OUAA BOD maintains liability insurance (I believe this was the outcome of a similar discussion with the previous administration) that addresses CS 5.3b.

## SACSCOC Chart of Standards - Section 5.3

- 3. For any entity organized separately from the institution and formed primarily for the purpose of supporting the institution or its programs:
- (a) The legal authority and operating control of the institution is clearly defined with respect to that entity.
- (b) The relationship of that entity to the institution and the extent of any liability arising from that relationship are clearly described in a formal, written manner.
- (c) The institution demonstrates that (1) the chief executive officer controls any fund-raising activities of that entity or (2) the fund-raising activities of that entity are defined in a formal, written manner which assures that those activities further the mission of the institution. (Institution-related entities)

After Alumni Weekend, we will be happy to review our insurance policy to ensure that it adequately covers the aforementioned liabilities. We certainly want to support and assist with a successful OU SACSCOC reaffirmation report.

Blessings,

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Fri, Feb 16, 2018 at 12:47 AM

Dear Pat,

Thanks for the quick response. I trust that you are having a wonderful evening as well. You are correct that the standard under discussion can be found in the last iteration of the SACSCOC standards. As a site visitor for SACSCOC, we are regularly reminded that what has changed are the number and types of violations by independent organizations raising funds by utilizing the name of the accredited university. While we have no record of violation by the OU Alumni Association, I am sure that you understand that the University is required to demonstrate the exercise of all precautionary due diligence.

Thus, we will be presenting to every supporting organization per 5.3 a Memorandum of Understanding that clarifies, amplifies, and verifies compliance--on both the Universities end and the independent organization's end--with the accreditation standard. We will be conferring with SACSCOC on best-practice in this regard and will be back in touch with you regarding how that will translate into compliance with the standard.

Thanks for your support and we will be in touch with a comprehensive draft memo to start and document our discussion.

