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USF St. Petersburg Receives Accreditation Reaffirmation

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (December 6, 2011) – The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) reaffirmed the accreditation of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg. No follow up is required. The action was taken at the annual meeting held in Orlando Dec. 3-6.

The reaffirmation comes following a review from an on-site visiting team that came to the university in February 2011. The team reviewed documentation of the university’s adherence to 89 accreditation standards and the university’s Quality Enhancement Plan.

“The faculty, staff and students of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg should be congratulated for their outstanding work,” said Margaret Sullivan, regional chancellor of USFSP. “We are grateful for the thorough review by the external committee of distinguished peers.”

SACS is the recognized regional accrediting body for educational institutions in the eleven U.S. Southern states. The Commission on Colleges (COC), which accredits colleges and universities, granted USF St. Petersburg its initial accreditation in 2006. The next reaffirmation visit for USFSP is scheduled for 2021.

Accreditation represents the judgment of peers that an institution meets all SACS standards related to academic quality, student support, financial stability and integrity.

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