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Sheila and Jeff: As you know, a Special Presidential Task Force has sent its recommendations to the President concerning the administrative and organizational "location" of Lexington Community College. This report was requested following the SACS decision to place LCC on one-year probation because it did not have, in SACS opinion, sufficient autonomy and independence from the University of Kentucky to be accredited as a separate institution. The Task Force considered three basic options and sent forward an unanimous recommendation that LCC should join KCTCS in order to be a separately accredited institution as part of that system. This recommendation and the substance of the report supporting it have been shared with the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees, and a briefing for the Central Kentucky state delegation has now also been held.

The requirements of the SACS review of LCC's probation will necessitate that this issue be resolved prior to March. We are currently anticipating that the BOT will make a decision at its January 27, 2004 meeting. Prior to that we would like to arrange for advice and input from the University and Staff Senates and wanted to suggest the possibility of a joint meeting of your two councils. Obviously, it will not be possible, within the next few months, to work out all issues involved in a transfer of LCC to KCTCS, should that be the final decision. In the case of the formation of KCTCS, six years have been necessary to resolve all of the issues; work has begun on identifying the roster of issues that would need to be addressed both now and in the future should LCC be transferred.

We seek the opportunity to meet with your councils at your earliest convenience.

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