

I am grateful that Louisiana College has retained its accreditation. I regarded filing my internal Whistleblower Complaint as an ethical obligation and contractual duty, but I had reservations about filing a complaint with SACS. Although my attorney urged me to file the SACS complaint, I did so only after speaking to an official at SACS and receiving assurances that my complaint would not result in LC's loss of accreditation. Many fine Christian educators whom I greatly respect serve at LC and I did not want my complaint to harm them in any way.

I do feel that several statements in the College press release are inaccurate. The release states "Dr. Wheelan's decision affirms and joins a reputable list of groups exonerating President Joe Aguillard of all charges." This is not my interpretation of Dr. Wheelan's decision. Her letter to me stated: "There did appear to be a misstatement to the Board and in some published materials concerning the use of restricted gifts after the institution had received written instructions from the donor's representative. It also appears that potential donations may have been represented as firmer than they were." The press release gives the impression that the College is aware of the specifics of SACS response to me. I am puzzled that they would regard the response as an exoneration of all charges.

The press release also says, "Quarles' complaints caused SACS to address the College's financial status in their October, 2013 visit to the College." This is also untrue. The August 30 letter that indicated my complaint was closed stated that "concerns raised by the responses to those standards [Comprehensive Standard 3.2.9 (Personnel appointment) and 3.10.3 (Control of finances)] resulted in our request for additional information to the Monitoring Report to be provided to the upcoming Special Committee." The Monitoring Report was necessary because LC had been on warning status with SACS since 2011, long before I filed my complaint. If SACS had been satisfied with the College's response to my complaint, the entire matter would have been concluded by August 30. The letter from Belle Wheelan is clear that the *College's responses* to those standards triggered the concerns that led to the additional requests for the Monitoring Report, not my complaint.

Although the College received a copy of my complaint to SACS, neither the College nor SACS granted me the opportunity to see the College's response to my complaint, much less reply to that response. I was not given the opportunity to testify to the Board or even to the Trustee subcommittee charged with investigating my Whistleblower complaint.

I never wanted my Whistleblower Complaint to come to the attention of the press and up to this point I have refrained from making statements to the press regarding these issues. I hope that if Louisiana College chooses to bring up these matters in future press releases, they will make sure that their statements are accurate and truthful. I do want to be forced to address the press about these matters again.

