



May 31, 2013

Dr. Paul Marion, President
Tiffin University
155 Miami Street
Tiffin, OH 44883

Dear President Marion:

I am forwarding a copy of the Staff Summary Report recently completed with regard to the Change of Control, Structure or Organization to include the joint venture, Altius University/Ivy Bridge College (“AU/Ivy Bridge”), in the accredited status of Tiffin University. This report raises significant issues regarding AU/Ivy Bridge, its quality and the oversight of it exercised by Tiffin.

You have an opportunity to respond to this analysis and to identify any errors of fact within your response. The Staff Summary Report along with your application for Change of Control, Structure or Organization, your response to this report, and all other related correspondence will be provided to the Board of Trustees for consideration at its June 2013 meeting. Please send your response to your staff liaison, Dr. Robert Appleson, and to me no later than June 14.

The Board of Trustees has the discretion to approve or deny the Change of Control, Structure or Organization. With so many issues, it is likely that the Board will be considering denial. If the Board does deny the inclusion of the joint venture in the accredited status of Tiffin, the Board will likely also consider setting a deadline by which AU/Ivy Bridge would need to be disassociated from Tiffin, and requiring a teach-out plan for students at AU/Ivy Bridge who need to remain at an accredited institution to be taught out by another institution.

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Appleson or me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen L. Solinski (c/s)".

Karen L. Solinski
Vice President for Legal and Governmental Affairs

Enclosures

cc: Dr. Robert Appleson, Vice President for Accreditation Relations, Higher Learning Commission