REPORT OF A FOCUSED VISIT

Advancement Section

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Higher Learning Commission
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EVALUATION TEAM

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A. Observations of Team Regarding Change Request

The Change Request was documented by the University of Toledo with supporting materials adequate for the team review. The team found the persons with whom it met responsive and willing to provide any materials requested.

B. Consultations of Team

The Team encourages the University of Toledo to:

- Seize the unique opportunity it has to reinvent itself as a 21st century institution of higher learning. That the senior administration recognizes this is symbolized by the redesign of the University seal to include the year 2006. Further evidence is found in the new mission statement and set of core values. The forthcoming strategic plan for the new university affords further opportunity for this reinvention.

- The merger allows the faculties of the campuses, the administration, and Board of Trustees to work together to create a new form of faculty governance which meets the needs of a dynamic, highly complex 21st century public university.

- The use of multiple, coordinated work groups or task forces to deal with the myriad challenges of merger serves as a model of getting the job done. The stellar work of 20 task forces has enabled the new UT to resolve a host of issues related to information technology, physical plant, library services, staffing, public information, calendar, and many others. The accomplishments of these work groups enabled the new UT to begin the fall semester with confidence and pride together with anticipation for the future.