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In composing this report, the committee does not address certain Criteria deemed outside the scope of the purposes of this visit. These sections are to be reviewed by a special committee that will visit Auburn University in the fall of 2004. These sections include Section 1.1 (Institutional Commitment and Responsibilities in the Accreditation Process), Section 1.4 (Condition of Eligibility 3—governing board et al), Section 5.5.2 (Intercollegiate Athletics: Administrative Oversight), Section 5.5.3 (Intercollegiate Athletics: Financial Control), and Section 6.1.2 (Governing Board). Because these sections will not be reviewed until the fall of 2004, the current visiting committee does not offer specific recommendations or advice on the question of whether or not the university meets all Criteria for reaffirmation.

The committee’s recommendations are listed in Appendix A (page 70), and the committee’s suggestions are listed in Appendix B (page 71). Otherwise, the committee notes two concerns. First, Auburn University’s self study neglects to address matters related to equity and diversity in admitting students and in hiring and promoting faculty and staff. Second, the committee heard numerous allegations of favoritism in hiring practices. These concerns are described in greater detail in the Introduction (beginning on page 5) and in the Addendum (beginning on page 74).