
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: LETTER FOR MARY HOLMES COLLEGE'S APPEALS HEARING ON APRIL 1
DATE 3/26/03
CC: FILE

I spoke to Dr. William McHenry, IHL's Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, yesterday afternoon regarding Mary Holmes College's appeal of the revocation of their SACS accreditation. Dr. McHenry is IHL's liaison/point of contact for SACs.

I explained that Mary Holmes had requested your assistance and wanted you to accompany members of their administration to Atlanta for the appeal hearing on April 1. I asked McHenry if Mary Holmes had a viable chance of winning the appeal and he said no.

McHenry said that, off of the record between him and me, Mary Holmes doesn't stand a chance and that not much is going to help them. He said that Mary Holmes doesn't have a money base and that it has always stood as an independent institution, which is hurting its ability to develop a base. McHenry said that Woods College faced a similar situation a few years ago and they were also unsuccessful. McHenry said that you definitely don't need to spend your time going to Atlanta (note: Scheduling Team had already ruled this out.) He suggested you send a courtesy letter on Mary Holmes College's behalf so that you earn points in West Point.

I have drafted the attached letter for your signature. Bentley has also drafted the attached cover letter for Dr. Jackson to accompany his copy of the letter to SACS.

Please sign both of the attached letters or mark any changes that you want to have made.