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MEMORANDUM

TO: Administration, Faculty, Staff and Students

FROM: Ray L. Belton, Ph.D.
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RE: Commencement Participation Policy/Summer Commencement

DATE: March 28, 2019

In March 2018, the Southern University System Board of Supervisors approved a Commencement Participation Policy that was designed to ensure that only students who completed all of their degree requirements could participate in Commencement beginning Spring 2019. A typographical error in the policy created some confusion and miscommunication regarding when the policy would be in effect.

To ensure that we are consistent in what we are communicating to our students through all of our platforms and processes, we have decided to offer a one-time exception to the policy. For the Spring 2019 Commencement Exercises, Southern University and A&M College will allow undergraduate students with only one academic discrepancy remaining to participate. **IN SUBSEQUENT EXERCISES, ONLY THOSE STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED ALL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN COMMENCEMENT.**

In addition, we are re-instituting a summer commencement exercise as a way of providing an additional opportunity for commencement participation. For any questions or concerns about graduation, please contact the Registrar's Office at (225) 771-5050.