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**Disclosure Statement Regarding the Status of
SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
Terrell, Texas
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The following publicly available information is provided by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) concerning the accreditation of Southwestern Christian College. Information presented below is in accord with SACSCOC's disclosure policy; staff of the Commission cannot comment further on questions specifically related to Southwestern Christian College. The institution has reviewed this statement prior to public posting.

Action by SACSCOC's Board of Trustees took place on December 4, 2016, and the institution's next review is December 2017.

What is the accreditation status of Southwestern Christian College? Southwestern Christian College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; however, the institution was continued on Warning for 12 months following review of a Monitoring Report after submission of a Referral Report in December 2015. SACSCOC's accreditation includes all components of the institution—all programs, branch campuses, off-campus sites, and distance learning programs as reported to the Commission; thus, the Warning status applies to the entire institution.

What does Warning mean? Warning is a public sanction imposed by SACSCOC's Board of Trustees following determination of significant non-compliance with the Core Requirements, Comprehensive Standards, or the Federal Requirements of SACSCOC's *Principles of Accreditation*; failure to make timely and significant progress toward correcting the deficiencies that led to the finding of non-compliance; or failure to comply with Commission policies and procedures. The maximum total time during one monitoring period that an institution may be on Warning is two years. In December 2017, Southwestern Christian College will have been on Warning for two years. For additional information about sanctions, see SACSCOC's policy entitled "Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership" that can be accessed at <http://www.sacscoc.org/policies.asp>.

Why was Southwestern Christian College continued on Warning? Southwestern Christian College was continued on Warning because SACSCOC's Board of Trustees determined that the institution had failed to demonstrate compliance with Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs) and Federal Requirement 4.9 (Definition of credit hours) of the *Principles of Accreditation*—the accreditation standards of SACSCOC. These standards expect an institution to provide evidence that it (1) assesses achievement of outcomes in the area of educational programs and (2) has policies and procedures for determining the credit hours awarded for programs that conform to commonly accepted practices. (To read full statements for the standards cited above, access the *Principles of Accreditation* at <http://www.sacscoc.org/principles.asp>.)

What will happen in December 2017? SACSCOC's Board of Trustees will consider the accreditation status of Southwestern Christian College following review of a Second Monitoring Report addressing the standards cited above for non-compliance. The Board will have the following options: (1) remove the institution from Warning without an additional report; (2) continue accreditation for good cause, place the institution on Probation, request an additional report, and authorize a Special Committee; and (3) remove the institution from membership for failure to comply with the standards or failure to meet the provisions of good cause. Commission staff will not speculate on what decision might be made by the SACSCOC's Board of Trustees in December 2017.

For additional information regarding SACSCOC's accreditation process, access the *Principles of Accreditation* (<http://www.sacscoc.org/principles.asp>).