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**Disclosure Statement Regarding the Status of
ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY
Elizabeth City, North Carolina
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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 Elizabeth City State University. Information presented below is in accord with SACSCOC's disclosure policy; staff of SACSCOC cannot comment further on questions specifically related to Elizabeth City State University. The institution has reviewed this statement prior to public posting.

Action by SACSCOC's Board of Trustees took place on June 15, 2017, and the institution's next review is December 2017.

What is the accreditation status of Elizabeth City State University? Elizabeth City State University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; however, the institution was continued on Warning for six months after review of (1) a Monitoring Report following action on unsolicited information in June 2016 and (2) a Special Committee Report, including financial statements. SACSCOC's accreditation includes all components of the institution—all programs, branch campuses, off-campus sites, and distance learning programs as reported to SACSCOC; 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 SACSCOC's policies and procedures. The maximum total time during one monitoring period that an institution may be on Warning is two years. In December 2017, Elizabeth City State University will have been on Warning for 18 months. 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 Elizabeth City State University continued on Warning? Elizabeth City State University was continued on Warning because SACSCOC's Board of Trustees determined that the institution had failed to demonstrate compliance with Comprehensive Standard 3.4.3 (Admissions policies) of the *Principles of Accreditation*—the accreditation standards of SACSCOC. This standard expects an institution to provide evidence that it publishes admissions policies that are consistent with its mission. (To read the full statement for the standard cited above, access the *Principles of Accreditation* at <http://www.sacscoc.org/principles.asp>.)

What will happen in June 2018? SACSCOC's Board of Trustees will consider the accreditation status of Elizabeth City State University following review of a Monitoring Report addressing the standard 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, continue Warning for six months, request a Monitoring Report, and may authorize a Special Committee visit; (3) continue accreditation, place on Probation, request a Monitoring Report, and authorize a Special Committee visit; and (4) remove the institution from membership for failure to comply with the *Principles of Accreditation*. Commission staff will not speculate on what decision might be made by 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>).