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Disclosure Statement Regarding the Status of

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO
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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 The University of Texas at El Paso. Information presented below is in accord with SACSCOC's disclosure policy; staff of SACSCOC cannot comment further on questions specifically related to The University of Texas at El Paso. The institution has reviewed this statement prior to public posting.

Action by SACSCOC's Board of Trustees took place on June 14, 2018, and the institution's next review is June 2019.

What is the accreditation status of The University of Texas at El Paso? The University of Texas at El Paso is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; however, the institution was placed on Warning for 12 months after review of off-campus instructional sites at Cebu City, Cebu, Philippines and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. 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 or Standards 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 June 2019, The University of Texas at El Paso will have been on Warning for twelve months. For additional information about sanctions, see SACSCOC's policy entitled "[Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership](#)".

Why was The University of Texas at El Paso placed on Warning? The University of Texas at El Paso was placed on Warning because SACSCOC's Board of Trustees determined that the institution had failed to demonstrate compliance with Standard 6.2.b (Program faculty), Standard 6.2.c (Program coordination), Standard 6.3 (Faculty appointment and evaluation), Standard 6.5 (Faculty development), Standard 8.2.a (Student outcomes: educational programs), Standard 9.5 (Institutional credits for a graduate/professional degree), Standard 10.4 (Academic governance), Standard 10.5 (Admissions policies and practices), Standard 10.9 (Cooperative academic arrangements), Core Requirement 11.1 (Library and learning/information resources), Standard 11.3 (Library and learning/information access), Core Requirement 12.1 (Student support services), and Standard 12.4 (Student complaints) of the *Principles of Accreditation*—the accreditation standards of SACSCOC.

These standards expect an institution (1) to employ a sufficient number of full-time faculty members to ensure curriculum and program quality, integrity, and review; (2) to assign appropriate responsibility for program coordination; (3) to publish and implement policies regarding the appointment, employment, and regular evaluation of faculty members, regardless of contract or tenure status; (4) to provide ongoing professional development opportunities for faculty members as teachers, scholars, and practitioners, consistent with the institutional mission; (5) to identify expected student learning outcomes, assess the extent to which it achieves these outcomes, and provide evidence of seeking improvement based on analysis of the results for each of its educational programs; (6) to ensure that a student earns at least one-third of the credit hours required for a graduate or a post-baccalaureate professional degree through instruction offered by the institution awarding the degree; (7) to (a) publish and implement policies on the authority of faculty in academic and governance matters, (b) demonstrate that educational programs for which academic credit is awarded are approved consistent with institutional policy, and (c) place primary responsibility for the content, quality, and effectiveness of the curriculum with its faculty; (8) to publish admissions policies consistent with its mission; (9) to ensure the quality and integrity of the work recorded when it transcribes courses or credits as its own when offered through a cooperative academic arrangement; (10) to provide adequate and appropriate library

and learning/information resources, services, and support for its mission; (11) to provide appropriate academic and student support programs, services, and activities consistent with its mission; (12) to provide appropriate academic and student support programs, services, and activities consistent with its mission; and (13) to (a) publish appropriate and clear procedures for addressing written student complaints, (b) demonstrate that it follows the procedures when resolving them, and (c) maintain a record of student complaints that can be accessed upon request by SACSCOC. (To read the full statement for the standards cited above, access the [*Principles of Accreditation: Foundation for Quality Enhancement*](#).)

What will happen in June 2019? SACSCOC's Board of Trustees will consider the accreditation status of The University of Texas at El Paso following review of a 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) remove the institution from Warning and request a Fifth-Year Follow-Up Report at the submission of the Fifth-Year Interim Report; (3) continue the institution on Warning, request a Monitoring Report, with or without authorizing a Special Committee visit, (4) place the institution on Probation, request a Monitoring Report, and authorize a Special Committee visit; and (5) remove the institution from membership for failure to comply with the standards. Commission staff will not speculate on what decision might be made by the SACSCOC's Board of Trustees in June 2019.

For additional information regarding SACSCOC's accreditation process, access the [*Principles of Accreditation: Foundation for Quality Enhancement*](#).