The following publicly available information is provided by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) concerning the accreditation of Ferrum College. Information presented below is in accord with SACSCOC’s disclosure policy; staff of the Commission cannot comment further on questions specifically related to Ferrum College. The institution has reviewed this statement prior to public posting.

Action by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees took place on June 13, 2019.

**What is the accreditation status of Ferrum College?** Ferrum College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; however, the institution was denied approval of a substantive change.

**What does it mean to be denied approval of a substantive change?** The SACSCOC Board of Trustees denied approval of membership at Levels III and IV because the institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure that it has the capability to comply with the standards of the *Principles of Accreditation*—the accreditation standards of SACSCOC, as they relate to the substantive change.

**Why was Ferrum College denied approval of a substantive change?** Ferrum College was denied approval of the substantive change because the SACSCOC Board of Trustees determined that the institution failed to demonstrate compliance with Standard 6.2.a (*Faculty qualifications*), Standard 6.2.b (*Program faculty*), and Core Requirement 9.1 (*Program content*). These standards expect, (1) for each of its educational programs, an institution to justify and document the qualifications of its faculty members; (2) to employ a sufficient number of full-time faculty members to ensure curriculum and program quality, integrity, and review; and (3) an institution’s educational programs to (a) embody a coherent course of study, (b) be compatible with the stated mission and goals of the institution, and (c) be based upon fields of study appropriate to higher education. (To read the full statements for the standards cited above, access the *Principles of Accreditation* at [http://www.sacscoc.org/principles.asp](http://www.sacscoc.org/principles.asp).

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