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Message from the Chair of SACSCOC Board of Trustees



The relationship between the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) and accrediting commissions has changed in siginificant ways since 1992 when Congress first sought to address the problem of rising student default rates. The reauthorization of the Higher Education Act and its attending regulations that year resulted in alterations of the self-regulatory form of institutional review that is the cornerstone of accreditation. There were significantly more mandates placed on accrediting agencies recognized by DOE as gatekeepers for federal financial aid and, over the years, those mandates have translated into the need for increased staff and higher costs for accrediting agencies to meet the Secretary's criteria for recognition.

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Our regional accrediting commission has always served as a conduit, and occasionally a buffer between colleges and universities and the Federal government. If we, as an accrediting community, are committed to self-regulation and its value, our leadership will need to monitor and sometimes challenge proposals that would reduce the role of accreditation, or increase regulations that accreditors are expected to impose on their memberships, or attempt to re-create a regional structure. We have an obligation to support the system that we created, that is unique among the international community of higher education, and that works for us.

In the future, your SACSCOC Board of Trustees and your staff will be calling upon all of you to become involved to voice your support of this unique form of self-regulation. I look forward to your joining us in that effort.

Sincerely,

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T. Andrew Westmoreland, Ed.D.

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Message from the President of SACSCOC



This past year was filled with many highs and a few lows for SACSCOC. On the high side, we updated our Strategic Plan, developed online training modules to assist in preparing our peer reviewers, hired 10 new staff, began updating our technological processes and hardware, and continued to work with the U.S. Department of Education in preparing for the upcoming reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

In order to support ongoing consistency among our reviewers, we trained 15 new trustees, 47 chairs, 65 peer evaluators in institutional effectiveness, 7 academic evaluators, and 80 finance evaluators. In addition to hiring staff for increased productivity, we developed a system where institutional profiles and financial information can be directly uploaded into our database by our institutions instead of having to be reentered by staff.

On the low side, we lost a valuable colleague with the passing of Dr. Demetria N. Gibbs, Director of Training and Research, after a long and valiant battle with cancer. In honor of her memory, we established the first Outstanding Chair Award, the first recipient of which was Dr. Diane Calhoun-French from Jefferson Community and Technical College in Kentucky. There is an article in this report about Dr. Gibbs.

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This year marks my tenth as President of SACSCOC. There is much truth to the adage that time flies when you're having fun, because it truly does not seem like I've been working on your behalf for 10 years. I have enjoyed visiting the institutions across our region; assisting in better understanding our *Principles*; attempting to add value to a variety of commencement ceremonies and college convocations; working with institutional board members and locally-elected officials to better understand their roles in ensuring institutional compliance with our standards; and all of the other wonderful learning opportunities for my own personal and professional growth.

I sincerely thank every one of you for the feedback you've provided on our surveys and e-mail requests. We are YOUR organization and can only be as strong as the relationship between us. Thank you for your support and I look forward to what the next years bring.

Sincerely,

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Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.

Annual Report

Philosophical Statement

The membership of SACSCOC supports the right of an institution to pursue its established educational mission; the right of faculty to teach, investigate, and publish freely; and the right of students to access opportunities for learning and for the open exchange of ideas. The exercise of these rights, however, should not interfere with the overriding obligation of an institution to offer its students a sound education.

In Memoriam



Dr. Demetria N. Gibbs

On March 8, 2014, Dr. Demetria N. Gibbs passed away after a valiant battle against cancer. For seven years, she was a dedicated member of the SACSCOC family, serving first as Coordinator of the Evaluator Registry and then as Director of Training and Research. In both of those positions, Demetria brought a strong sense of integrity, tenacity, and order to everything she did.

Never one to meet a stranger, Demetria knew the names of many of our evaluators and, over the years, was able to meet many of them as she developed and provided training for them as peer reviewers. Her determination to ensure consistency among reviewers led to the development of a training program for those who reviewed institutional effectiveness and student support services that continues today. While working at the Commission and taking care of her family, Demetria returned to school and earned her doctorate. A former math faculty member, she used her analytical skills in all of her day-to-day activities. She was always prepared and helped many of her colleagues to get themselves organized as well.

Holidays meant a great deal to Demetria; the staff often came into the office just before a holiday and found gifts that she had made. We often told her she missed her calling as an art teacher. Demetria was a mentor to many and a friend to all, and she will be greatly missed.

New SACSCOC Administrative Staff

During 2014, four new administrative staff members joined SACSCOC: Michael Hoefer, Kevin Sightler, Mary Kirk, and Godfrey Noe. Each of these individuals brings a wealth of experience that has prepared them well for their roles.

Two administrative staff members left the Commission for other opportunities. Dr. Mark Smith retired from his role as Vice President in January 2014. Dr. Marcy Stoll resigned from her role as Vice President in November 2014 to accept a new position as the Executive Director of the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. Both of them worked diligently in their positions during their tenure with the Commission.

Dr. Michael T. Hoefer



Dr. Michael T. Hoefer joined the staff of SACSCOC as Vice President in February 2014. Prior to his arrival, Dr. Hoefer served as Assistant Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness at The Art Institutes International. In this role, Dr. Hoefer was responsible for the development, implementation, and maintenance of the institutional effectiveness process for the 52-campus system. He was also involved in all stages of accreditation throughout the system, working with six regional accreditors as well as national accreditation. Before joining The Art Institutes International, Dr. Hoefer served as Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Research,

and Planning at The Art Institute of Atlanta, where he implemented a successful institutional effectiveness process, completed the decennial reaffirmation process, and was instrumental in adding three new branch campuses. Dr. Hoefer also held various positions at Life University, including professor of physiology, Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Planning, and Dean of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Hoefer served on and chaired several review committees for SACSCOC, and served as a site team evaluator for the Council on Chiropractic Education and as a Commissioner for the Accrediting Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. Dr. Hoefer earned a B.S. degree in biology from the State University of New York at Oneonta, and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in physiology from Indiana University School of Medicine. He also completed postdoctoral studies at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Dr. Kevin Sightler



Dr. Kevin Sightler joined SACSCOC as the Coordinator of Substantive Change in April 2014. Dr. Sightler came to the Commission from the University of Illinois at Urbana—Champaign, where he was founding director of the Illinois Professional Science Master's, a portfolio of graduate degree programs in the sciences that combine science and business. At Illinois, he led the programs' strategic plan and new program development; managed digital media and public relations, including student recruitment; developed industry relationships for student engagement and fundraising; and taught courses in management, leadership, innovation, and creative problem solving in science-based organizations. Dr. Sightler also served a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the National Professional Science Master's Association. Prior to his work at Illinois, Dr. Sightler was a long-time faculty member in the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University, where he served as professor of management and entrepreneurship, Associate Dean for Graduate Business Programs and Director of the 500-student MBA, online MBA, and master of accounting degree programs. He also managed the institution's AACSB international business accreditation and reaffirmation. Dr. Sightler holds a B.S. in economics, and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in industrial management from Clemson University.

Dr. Mary P. Kirk



Dr. Mary P. Kirk joined the SACSCOC staff as Vice President in July 2014. Prior to this appointment, she served as President of Montgomery Community College. Dr. Kirk also held various senior administrative positions, including Dean and Assistant to the President at Carteret Community College. She has served in several volunteer roles available with SACSCOC, including evaluator, chair of numerous review committees, and Board of Trustees member. Dr. Kirk earned a B.S. from the University of North Carolina—Greensboro, a M.A. in education from East Carolina University, and an Ed.D. in higher education from North Carolina State University.

Dr. Godfrey Fuji Noe



Dr. Godfrey Fuji Noe joined SACSCOC as Coordinator of Training and Research in November 2014. He joins the Commission with a background in statistics, software development, business intelligence, program evaluation, assessment, data warehousing, and information management. Dr. Noe's prior positions include Director of Institutional Research at both Georgia Perimeter College and Bauder College; Research Coordinator at Morehouse School of Medicine; and Director of the Data Warehouse and Business Intelligence at Fulton County Schools. He has taught sociology, served on numerous state and institutional research committees,

and has served in assessment and institutional research efforts in support of the reaffirmation process at several institutions. Dr. Noe holds a B.A. in economics from Oakwood University, a M.A. in cultural anthropology from the University of Alabama, and a Ph.D. in medical sociology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Leadership, Service, and Outstanding Chair Award Recipients

SACSCOC honored seven individuals whose extraordinary commitment to regional accreditation and the peer review process exceeds normal expectations of volunteerism. One individual was singled out for the James T. Rogers Distinguished Leadership Award and five for the Meritorious Service Awards. One individual was recognized as the first recipient of the Demetria N. Gibbs Outstanding Chair Award. This award was instituted by SACSCOC staff following the recommendation of the Peer Review Advisory Board.

The James T. Rogers Distinguished Leadership Award, named for the former SACSCOC executive director who served the Commission on Colleges more than two decades, is the highest public recognition given by the Commission and is reserved for extraordinarily distinctive and effective leadership. The Meritorious Service Award is given to outstanding individuals whose volunteerism and commitment to the best principles of the academy and of accreditation personify the ideals of the Commission. The Demetria N. Gibbs Outstanding Chair Award is given to a review committee chair who has demonstrated exceptional leadership in working with committee members. Those receiving the awards are recognized below.

James T. Rogers Distinguished Leadership Award Recipient

The 2014 recipient of the James T. Rogers Distinguished Leadership Award was Dr. Larry Earvin,



President of Huston-Tillotson University in Texas. Active in Commission affairs for more than 25 years, Dr. Earvin has distinguished himself in a number of ways in his service to this region's accrediting commission and to our institutions. Most specifically, as a Board member and a member and Chair of the Executive Council, he initiated the establishment of a SACSCOC Audit and Finance Committee of the Executive Council. In addition, under Dr. Earvin's leadership, the Investment Committee voted to hire a new investment agency to increase returns in investments. The two committees have, in effect, made the Council ultimately responsible

for ensuring that SACSCOC's financial resources support a sound Commission. Dr. Earvin's involvement and example show us that the self-regulatory process is in good hands under the guardianship of such capable leaders. He is highly respected by Commission staff and by the institutions he has served over the years.

Meritorious Service Award Recipients

James David Campbell, President, Northeast Alabama Community College, Rainsville, Ala.

- Louise J. Clark, Associate Dean/MBA Director, College of Business, Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Ala.
- J. Steve Lee, Vice President for Business Affairs, University of Mobile, Mobile, Ala.

William T. Luckey, Jr., President, Lindsey Wilson College, Columbia, Ky.

Carla D. Sanderson, former Executive Vice President for Strategic Initiatives & Provost, Union University, Jackson, Tenn.



Dr. Andrew Westmoreland (far left) and Dr. Belle Wheelan (far right) congratulate Leadership and Service Award recipients (from left to right): Dr. Mark Foley representing Mr. Steve Lee, Dr. Louise Clark, Dr. Larry Earvin (Leadership Award recipient), Dr. James David Campbell, and Dr. Carla Sanderson. (Not pictured, Dr. William Luckey)

Demetria N. Gibbs Outstanding Chair Award Recipient



Dr. Diane Calhoun-French, Provost & Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Jefferson Community and Technical College, Louisville, Ky.

Dr. Terrell Gibbs (husband of the late Dr. Demetria Gibbs) (left) and Dr. Belle Wheelan (right) congratulate Dr. Diane Calhoun-French (center).

SACSCOC Activities

Accreditation Actions

The following table describes the type and number of cases of accreditation actions taken by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees since the implementation of the *Principles of Accreditation* in 2004. Note that the total number of cases beginning in 2007 increased due to the beginning of the Commission's review of unreported substantive changes submitted after the adoption in 2006 of Comprehensive Standard 3.12 on the reporting of substantive change.

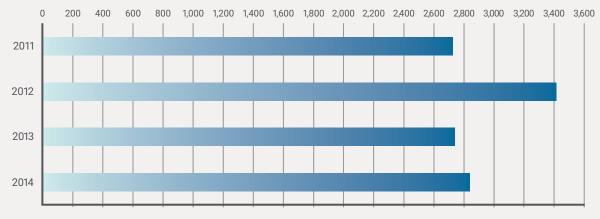
TYPE OF ACTION	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Totals
Reaffirmation of accreditation	30	79	79	74	73	80	87	78	77	76	87	820
Denial of reaffirmation & imposi- tion/continuation of a sanction	5	7	6	3	7	10	12	14	10	6	1	81
Initial candidacy/ renewal of candidacy	3	3	3	6	8	0	8	5	4	3	1	44
Initial accreditation	8	6	3	5	4	8	3	4	4	5	5	55
Removal from candidacy/denial of accreditation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Approval of change of degree level	10	11	12	18	13	15	19	19	14	21	8	160
Approval of other substantive change	4	7	0	11	3	12	5	9	17	14	7	89
Deny approval of substantive change	5	7	8	7	6	9	7	5	7	8	6	75
Substantive change review by a committee	26	20	17	69	32	35	32	39	42	39	44	395
Review of unreported substantive change	NA	NA	NA	51	78	58	57	41	19	21	27	352
Review of Monitoring & Referral Reports**	164 *	113	130	100	100	174	187	206	209	184	172	1739
Review of Fifth-Year Interim Reports***	NA	NA	NA	NA	45	71	74	80	67	73	76	486
Removal from sanction	61	6	16	12	8	12	10	12	15	18	8	178
Imposition/continuation of Warning	12	12	13	10	12	10	15	15	18	13	11	141
Imposition/continuation of Probation	6	4	3	6	7	4	6	2	1	0	3	42
Imposition/continuation of Probation with Good Cause	7	8	2	5	4	3	2	8	8	4	5	56
Action on removal from accreditation	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	3	1	2	12
Appeals of adverse actions	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
TOTAL CASES	346	283	292	379	400	503	526	538	516	487	464	4734

* Monitoring reports from pre-2004 SACSCOC action taken under the former Criteria for Accreditation.

** Referral reports are those reviewed by the Board of Trustees following review and referral by the Committee on Fifth-Year Interim Reports. These reports were first reviewed by the Board in June 2009.

*** The review of Fifth-Year Interim Reports began in December 2008.

Substantive Change Information



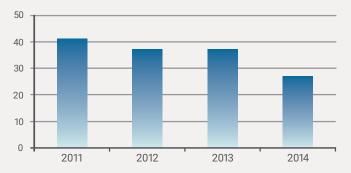
Total Number of Submissions (2011–2014)

From 2011 to 2014, SACSCOC received an average of 2,928 submissions annually from member institutions. This reflects approximately 12 submissions per working day.

Submission Type	2011	2012	2013	2014
Prospectus	501	526	507	519
Follow-Up Information	436	273	287	167
Notification	1,842	2,394	1,479	1,716
For C & R Review	99	129	97	49
Teach-out Plans	19	118	177	147

Types of Substantive Change Submissions from 2011–2014

Verifying and responding to notifications keep the Substantive Change office quite busy. Not included in these numbers are requests for verification of accreditation, sites, new programs, etc. from governmental agencies.



Number of Unreported Substantive Change Cases

The number of unreported substantive change cases referred to C & R is decreasing, declining 34% since 2011 when 41 cases were reviewed by C & R compared to 27 cases reviewed in 2014.

OTR Research Initiative

The mission of the Office of Training and Research (OTR) is to provide training to peer evaluators, conduct research and evaluation studies in support of Commission activities, and manage the Evaluator Registry (including the staffing of off-site committees). The OTR staff includes a Director, Coordinator, and Administrative Assistant.

OTR coordinates and facilitates orientation/training activities for new Board of Trustees members, Committee Chairs, and peer evaluators. The purpose of the evaluator training program is to ensure credibility, accuracy, and consistency in peer reviews. Training curricula are developed by the Commission staff with input from experienced evaluators. By participating in training, evaluators learn about the intent and structure of the *Principles of Accreditation;* develop, calibrate, and apply professional judgment to determine the strength of institutional cases for compliance; and critique and practice drafting committee report narratives. A hallmark of the Commission's training program for peer evaluators is extensive use of real case studies and practical mini-scenarios.

Overall, in 2014, approximately 300 individuals participated in formal face-to-face training workshops designed for peer evaluators in the following areas: academics, finance, institutional effectiveness, and the Quality Enhancement Plan. In addition, in 2014, the Commission designed web-based evaluator training modules in the following areas: finance, institutional effectiveness, organization and governance, Quality Enhancement Plan, and student services. These web-based modules are scheduled for release in 2015.

The research component of OTR work comprises the following four areas of activities: collecting and analyzing feedback from key Commission stakeholders, evaluating various Commission professional development events and training activities, processing and analyzing compliance statistics, and researching various accreditation-related topics. The OTR has developed a comprehensive survey administration program. Feedback is systematically collected from institutions completing the decennial reaffirmation review as well as from peer evaluators serving on off- and on-site reaffirmation committees. OTR also administers surveys to evaluate the SACSCOC Annual Meeting, Summer Institute, and Small College Initiative as well as evaluator training activities.

In addition to producing descriptive statistics related to noncompliance findings, the OTR recently conducted content analyses of reaffirmation committee reports to identify factors that lead peer evaluators to judgments of noncompliance on Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs, to include student learning outcomes), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.2 (Quality Enhancement Plan), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (General education competencies), and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence). Past research projects also included studies on QEP topics, interventions, and budgets as well as studies on the association between institutional characteristics and compliance with Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1. Currently, OTR staff are engaged in scholarly studies on the impact of implementation of QEPs, factors that lead evaluation committees to judgments of noncompliance on Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.3 (Institutional effectiveness: academic and student support services), and ways institutions document and communicate student achievement data. Finally, the OTR is working on designing a comprehensive data management system to facilitate longitudinal insight and research of accreditation and best practices data.

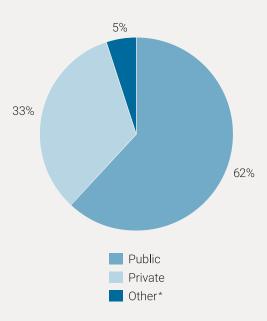
Profile of the SACSCOC Evaluator Registry Membership for 2014

Over 6,200 higher education professionals from across the southern region have volunteered their expertise and are listed in the SACSCOC Evaluator Registry as potential evaluators. The Evaluator Registry is the SACSCOC database containing the names and qualifications of volunteer evaluators and is used to select review committee members with the knowledge and experience needed to assess institutions' compliance with the *Principles of Accreditation*. Each of the more than 800 member institutions is encouraged to nominate qualified individuals to serve as evaluators for the review process. The following tables and chart provide a profile of the evaluators included in the Registry by state, category, degree level, and institutional governance type.

State	Evaluators by State	Institutions by State
Alabama	445	54
Florida	695	77
Georgia	764	85
Kentucky	347	50
Louisiana	245	39
Mississippi	233	32
North Carolina	786	112
South Carolina	354	50
Tennessee	498	63
Texas	1,231	163
Virginia	509	72
International	145	6
TOTAL	6,252	804

Number of Evaluators and Institutions by State

Percentage of Evaluators by Institutional Governance Type



*The category "Other" is non-specified and includes QEP, Out-of-Region, Retirees, and State System Evaluators

Number of Evaluators by Category and State

CATEGORY	AL	FL	GA	KY	LA	MS	NC	SC	ΤN	ТХ	VA	INT*	TOTAL
Academic Administration	158	232	251	107	82	88	263	108	164	426	150	19	2,048
Academic Disciplines	56	99	99	54	32	19	92	41	84	165	73	5	819
Administrative Services	36	46	73	19	16	17	54	39	39	103	48	4	494
Continuing Education	0	1	1	0	2	0	5	1	0	4	1	0	15
Developmental Education	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	8
Educational Support	28	49	50	32	17	15	51	19	29	55	35	3	383
Extended Learning	2	2	2	4	1	1	6	0	3	8	2	2	33
Health Sciences	8	7	6	3	1	1	9	1	11	15	5	1	68
Institutional Effectiveness	41	83	83	30	22	31	95	49	43	132	65	12	686
Leadership	22	34	30	27	10	6	27	19	24	48	25	3	275
Occupational/Technical	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	11
Organization/Governance	46	81	82	44	37	34	99	43	55	156	56	10	743
QEP Evaluators	10	17	11	3	7	3	19	10	9	14	11	83	197
Student Services	35	44	76	22	17	18	63	24	36	96	38	3	472
TOTAL	445	695	764	347	245	233	786	354	498	1231	509	145	6,252

* International/Out-of-Region Evaluators

Number of Evaluators and Institutions by Degree Level

Level Category	Evaluators (by level)	Institutions (by level)
Level I	1,991	274
Level II	883	121
Level III	791	134
Level IV	166	21
Level V	1,012	143
Level VI	1,376	110
TOTAL	6,229**	803

**Does not include evaluators representing state systems

Institutions are classified by the *highest degree level offered.* The levels are as follows:

Level IAssociate degreeLevel IVMaster's degree and Educational SpecialistLevel IIBaccalaureate degreeLevel VThree or fewer doctoral degreesLevel IIIMaster's degreeLevel VIFour or more doctoral degrees

Summary of SACSCOC Policy Updates

In addition to reaffirming 87 institutions, awarding initial accreditation to six and candidacy to one, as well as taking action on all other accreditation decisions listed in the Minutes of the Board of Trustees, the Board approved the following changes to SACSCOC policy:

"Advertising, Student Recruitment, and Representation of Accredited Status."

This policy statement was previously classified as a guideline for institutions; however, due to increased expectations for accrediting commissions to protect the consumer, the policy statement is specific regarding the obligations of institutions in the areas of advertising, publications, promotional literature, student recruitment for admissions, and representation of accredited status.

"Institutional Obligations for Public Disclosure."

This new policy outlines in one document an institution's obligations to provide information that is complete, accurate, timely, accessible, clear, and sufficient. Among the six items listed, Item 4 addresses the standards of the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) requiring that SACSCOC includes in its standards or in a policy the requirement that an institution publishes statements of its goals for student achievement and the success of students in achieving those goals.

"Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty): Guidelines."

This document replaces the former template for addressing compliance with Core Requirement 2.8. Instead of focusing on data-driven information about the number of full-time faculty engaged in teaching, it stresses how an institution should look at its critical mass of full-time, qualified faculty to provide direction and oversight of academic programs. This is a shift to viewing sufficiency of full-time staff to that of their obligations to fulfill basic faculty functions. The document was posted on the SACSCOC website under "Policies & Publications" then "Commission Guidelines."

"The Quality and Integrity of Undergraduate Degrees."

Several institutions have requested approval to initiate new programs and offer a degree or other award in discipline areas in which the SACSCOC-accredited institution offers none of the courses in the discipline areas of the new program. According to proposals, the SACSCOC-accredited institution would accept in transfer all of the credits in the discipline, provide instruction in the general education courses, and then award a degree or certificate in the discipline while not actually offering any of the discipline courses.

When reviewing these proposals, the Board has denied approval for failure to meet the provisions outlined in this SACSCOC policy which states, "To maintain the integrity of the undergraduate degree, the degree-granting institution is responsible for the quality of all credits that constitute the degree it grants." If an institution does not itself offer any of the discipline area courses, and employs no faculty qualified in the discipline to coordinate the quality of the program, then the institution has no control over the quality of the transferred discipline courses or of the program itself. Therefore, this structure places

an institution out of compliance with at least Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty) and Comprehensive Standards 3.4.11 (Academic Program Coordination) and 3.4.4 (Acceptance of Academic Credit) of the *Principles of Accreditation.*

"Core Requirement 2.7.1 (Program Length)."

At its meeting in June 2014, the Board approved an interpretation that expected institutions with combination programs of degrees conferred by the same institution to meet or exceed the credit hour thresholds in the standard for the degrees awarded. Because of the number of questions about SACSCOC reporting expectations and ambiguity about what constitutes these combined programs, implementation of this interpretation was held in abeyance and forwarded to the SACSCOC Board in June 2015, for a fuller discussion. Meanwhile, the SACSCOC Board is not reviewing substantive change notifications resulting from this interpretation. Furthermore, institutions were asked to delay implementation of this interpretation pending more clarification and direction. Organization of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and SACSCOC

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The SACSCOC Board of Trustees met in Executive Session on Thursday, June 19, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. at the Hilton Palacio del Rio in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, Chair of SACSCOC Board of Trustees and President of Samford University, presided. Dr. Mark Keenum, President of Mississippi State University, served as Vice Chair.

Vice-Chair Keenum called the roll. The following Board members were in attendance: Rebecca G. Adams, Professor of Sociology and Gerontology, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, North Carolina; Ricardo Azziz, President, Georgia Regents University, Augusta, Georgia; David L. Beckley, President, Rust College, Holly Springs, Mississippi; Elizabeth M. Bejar, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Florida International University, Miami, Florida; Randolph E. Berridge, President, Florida High Tech Corrider Council, Inc., Heathrow, Florida (Public Representative); Nathaniel L. Bishop, President, Jefferson College of Health Sciences, Roanoke, Virginia; Loren J. Blanchard, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. Xavier University of Louisiana. New Orleans. Louisiana; Robert G. Boehmer, President, East Georgia State College, Swainsboro, Georgia; A. Frank Bonner, President, Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, North Carolina; Ronnie L. Booth, President, Tri-County Technical College, Pendleton, South Carolina; Trina B. Boteler, Executive Vice President, Chattahoochee Technical Colllege, North Metro Campus, Acworth, Georgia; Stephen R. Briggs, President, Berry College, Mount Berry, Georgia; Timothy S. Brophy, Director of Institutional Assessment and Professor of Music Education, University of Florida, Gainesville,

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President, Charleston Southern University, Charleston, South Carolina; William G. Ingram, President, Durham Technical Community College, Durham, North Carolina; Peter Grant Jordan, President, Tarrant County College-South Campus, Fort Worth, Texas; Mark E. Keenum, President, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Mississippi; Flavius C. Killebrew, President/CEO, Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, Texas; Mary P. Kirk, Presdient, Montgomery Community College, North Carolina; James S. Klauber, President, Owensboro Community and Technical College, Owensboro, Kentucky; Terry M. McConathy, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana; Betty A. McCrohan, President, Wharton County Junior College, Wharton, Texas; Johnette McKown, President, McLennan Community College, Waco, Texas; Timothy P. McNamara, Vice Provost for Faculty and International Affairs, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee; Charles Edward Meadows, President, Pensacola State College, Pensacola, Florida; Timothy S. Mescon, President, Columbus State University, Columbus, Georgia; James S. Netherton, Executive Vice President for Administration and Finance, Mercer University, Macon, Georgia; D. Ray Perren, President, Lanier Technical College, Oakwood, Georgia; Richard W. Phillips, President, Southern College of Optometry, Memphis, Tennessee; Joseph C. Rallo, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Texas Tech University System, Lubbock, Texas; Brenda Hyde Rogers, Education Consultant, Chapel Hill, North Carolina (Public Representative); Edward L. Schrader, President, Brenau University, Gainesville, Georgia; Wilson Stone, House of Representatives, Kentucky Legislature, Scottsville, Kentucky (Public Representative); Loren E. Swartzendruber, President, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia; Linda K. Thomas-Glover, President, Eastern Shore Community College, Melfa, Virginia; John G. Thornell, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, University

of North Alabama, Florence, Alabama; Andrew Westmoreland, President, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama; Susan A. Winsor, President, Aiken Technical College, Aiken, South Carolina; and Daniel A. Wubah, Provost, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia.

The following Board members were not in attendance: James A. Anderson, Chancellor, Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, North Carolina; MaryLou Apple, President, Motlow State Community College, Lynchburg, Tennessee; Glenn F. Boyce, President, Holmes Community College, Goodman, Mississippi; Kelvin Buck, Mississippi House of Representatives, Holly Springs, Mississippi (Public Representative); W. Todd Carlisle, Attorney at Law, Sirote & Permutt, Birmingham, Alabama (Public Representative); Michael A. Gerber, President, Cross Channel Initiatives, Atlanta, Georgia (Public Representative); Katherine M. Johnson, President, Pasco-Hernando State College, New Port Richey, Florida; Daniel W. Jones, Chancellor, University of Mississippi, University, Mississippi; Sandra J. Jordan, Chancellor, University of South Carolina-Aiken, Aiken, South Carolina; Andrea S. Mayfield, Vice President for Institutional Research and Effectiveness, East Misssissippi Community College, Scooba, Mississippi; Charles R. Mojock, President, Lake-Sumter State College, Leesburg, Florida; Nancy B. Moody, President, Tusculum College, Greeneville, Tennessee; John R. Nelson, Attorney at Law, Lynchburg, Virginia (Public Representative); Brian E. Noland, President, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee; E. Joseph Savoie, President, The University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, Louisiana; Mary Evans Sias, President, Kentucky State University, Frankfort, Kentucky; Karen O'Connor Urban, Corpus Christi, Texas (Public Representative); and Evans P. Whitaker, President, Anderson University, Anderson, South Carolina.

The Board approved the minutes of its December 2013 Executive Business Meeting. Copies of the minutes of the December 2013 and March 2014 Executive Council meetings were presented to the Board as information.

Report from the Chair

Chair Westmoreland reported that during its meetings on June 17–18, 2014, the Executive Council discussed or took action on the following items:

- 1. Approved the 2014–2015 Commission budget which included four new staff positions.
- 2. Received a report from the Commission's investment company, Fifth-Third Investment Management Group.
- Reviewed staff reports on the following:

 Small College Initiative session held on April 16, 2014, focusing on institutional finances;
 substantive change activities; (3) training and research activities; (4) a report from the Peer Review Advisory Board; and (5) highlights of the Computer Operations Tech Plan.
- 4. Reviewed seven proposals for new or modified policies and guidelines and forwarded six of them to the Board for review and final approval.
- 5. Asked staff to develop a proposal for the interpretation of current standards or a policy that would allow institutions initiating programs internationally to be able to offer programs in countries that require significant control over any foreign institutions wanting to do business.
- 6. Announced that the Annual Meeting will be held December 5–9 (Fri–Tues) in Nashville, Tenn.

The Chair also recognized the retirement of Board member Mary Evans Sias who had served two years on the Board.

The Chair called on SACSCOC legal counsel, Mr. Patrick McKee, to update the Board on current litigation and other legal matters.

Report from the President

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President of SACSCOC, thanked Board members and staff for their support and assistance. She expressed appreciation to the Council and C & R readers for their diligence and time in preparing for and making decisions regarding policies and the accreditation of institutions. She presented the Commission's budget and thanked the Council for their continuing support of her leadership.

Actions on the Accreditation of Institutions

The SACSCOC Board of Trustees approved the following actions of the Committees on Compliance and Reports and the Executive Council. The following list *does not include* the names of institutions required only to submit additional monitoring reports, unless the review resulted in a negative or an adverse action.

The Board reaffirmed the accreditation of the following institutions:

- Alamance Community College, Graham, N.C.
- Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, Asheville, N.C.
- Athens Technical College, Athens, Ga.
- Augusta Technical College, Augusta, Ga.
- · Broward College, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
- Central Piedmont Community College, Charlotte, N.C.
- Chattahoochee Technical College, Marietta, Ga.
- Chattahoochee Valley Community College, Phenix City, Ala.
- Coastal Bend College, Beeville, Tex.
- College of the Albemarle, Elizabeth City, N.C.
- Dabney S. Lancaster Community College, Clifton Forge, Va.

- Darton State College, Albany, Ga.
- Daytona State College, Daytona Beach, Fla.
- Eastern Florida State College, Cocoa, Fla.
- Enterprise State Community College, Enterprise, Ala.
- Florida State College at Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Fla.
- Georgia Gwinnett College, Lawrenceville, Ga.
- Indian River State College, Fort Pierce, Fla.
- Jefferson State Community College, Birmingham, Ala.
- L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College, Schriever, La.
- Lenoir Community College, Kinston, N.C.
- Louisiana State University at Eunice, Eunice, La.
- Maryville College, Maryville, Tenn.
- Montgomery Community College, Troy, N.C.
- Okefenokee Technical College, Waycross, Ga.
- Ranger College, Ranger, Tex.
- Richmond Community College, Hamlet, N.C.
- Rockingham Community College, Wentworth, N.C.
- Rust College, Holly Springs, Miss.
- St. Johns River State College, Palatka, Fla.
- Sampson Community College, Clinton, N.C.
- Sandhills Community College, Pinehurst, N.C.
- Seminole State College of Florida, Sanford, Fla.
- · Snead State Community College, Boaz, Ala.
- South Plains College, Levelland, Tex.
- South University, Savannah, Ga.
- Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College, Bowling Green, Ky.
- Southern Crescent Technical College, Griffin, Ga.
- Surry Community College, Dobson, N.C.
- Tarrant County College District, Fort Worth, Tex.

- Technical College of the Lowcountry, Beaufort, S.C.
- Valencia College, Orlando, Fla.
- Victoria College, Victoria, Tex.
- Virginia Western Community College, Roanoke, Va.
- Western Piedmont Community College, Morganton, N.C.

The Board reaffirmed the accreditation of the following institutions and removed them from sanction:

- El Paso County Community College District, El Paso, Tex. (removed from Warning)
- Georgia Perimeter College, Decatur, Ga. (removed from Warning)
- Lamar State College—Port Arthur, Port Arthur, Tex. (removed from Warning)

The Board granted initial accreditation to the following institutions:

- Ogeechee Technical College, Statesboro, Ga. (Level I)
- Sowela Technical Community College, Lake Charles, La. (Level I)
- Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, Roanoke, Va. (Level V)

The Board granted initial candidacy to the following institution:

(Candidacy is effective June 19, 2014)

• The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler, Tyler, Tex.

The Board authorized an Accreditation Committee for the following institution:

• The University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, Tenn. (Currently accredited as part of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn.) The Board accredited the following member institutions at a new or a more advanced degree level:

- Adventist University of Health Sciences— Florida Hospital's University, Orlando, Fla.— Moved from Level III to Level V to offer the Doctor of Physical Therapy (Effective Fall 2015)
- American College of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine, Houston, Tex.— Moved from Level III to Level V to offer the Doctor of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine (Effective Fall 2014)
- Huston-Tillotson University, Austin, Tex.— Moved from Level II to Level III to offer the Master of Education in Educational Leadership (Effective January 2015)
- Methodist University, Fayetteville, N.C.— Moved from Level III to Level V to offer the Doctor of Physical Therapy (Effective August 2015)
- Northwestern State University of Louisiana, Natchitoches, La.— Moved from Level IV to Level V to offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice (Effective Fall 2014)
- Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans, La.— Expanded to include Level II to offer the Bachelor of Philosophy (Effective August 2014)

The Board approved the following substantive changes:

- Asbury University, Wilmore, Ky.— Approved expansion at Level III to offer the Master of Business Administration online (Effective Fall 2014)
- Duke University, Durham, N.C.— Approved Phase I to offer the Master of Management Science, Master of Science in Global Health, Master of Science in Medical Physics, and undergraduate study abroad courses at the newly established off-campus instructional site in Kunshan, China (Effective Fall 2014)

The Board continued the accreditation of the following institutions after Substantive Change Committees reviewed previously approved changes:

- Academy of Oriental Medicine at Austin, Austin, Tex.— Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine
- Anderson University, Anderson, S.C.— Review of an off-campus instructional site at the University Center of Greenville, Greenville, S.C.
- Berry College, Mount Berry, Ga.— Review of an off-campus instructional site located at Sprayberry High School, Marietta, Ga.
- Bluefield College, Bluefield, Va.— Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Arts in Education
- Central Georgia Technical College, Macon, Ga.— Review of the merger/consolidation of Central Georgia Technical College and Middle Georgia Technical College
- Concordia University Texas, Austin, Tex.— Review of the following off-campus instructional sites in Texas: Austin Center, Austin High School, Anderson High School in Austin; Belton Independent School District in Belton; DFW Center in Grand Prairie; Educational Services Center-Region 11 in Fort Worth; Lewisville High School (virtual) in Lewisville; Mansfield Legacy High School (virtual) in Mansfield; Messiah Lutheran Church (virtual) in Plano; San Antonio Center, Education Service Center-20, Our Savior Lutheran Church School (virtual), Southwest Preparatory School—Northwest and Northeast Campuses (Virtual) in San Antonio
- Darton State College, Albany, Ga.— Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Eastern Florida State College, Cocoa, Fla.— Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management
- Elizabethtown Community & Technical College, Elizabethtown, Ky.— Review of a

new off-campus instructional site located in Leitchfield, Ky.

- Georgia Highlands College, Rome, Ga.— Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Georgia State University, Atlanta, Ga.— Review of the Wellstar Development Center, Marietta, Ga.
- Germanna Community College, Locust Grove, Va.— Review of the following off-campus instructional sites in Virginia: Stafford High School, Colonial Forge High School, Brook Point High School in Stafford; Caroline County High School in Milford; Orange County High School in Orange; and Automotive Technology Center and Riverbend High School in Fredericksburg
- Isothermal Community College, Spindale, N.C.— Review of an off-campus instructional site at the Rutherfordton Learning Center, Rutherfordton, N.C.
- Johnson University, Knoxville, Tenn.— Review of the merger/consolidation of Johnson University with Florida Christian College
- Keiser University, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.— Review of the off-campus instructional site in San Marcos, Nicaragua
- Lake-Sumter State College, Leesburg, Fla.— Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Management
- Louisiana State University in Shreveport, Shreveport, La.— Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Education in Leadership Studies
- Middle Georgia State College, Cochran,
 Ga.— Review of the merger/consolidation of
 Macon State College and Middle Georgia College
- Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, Fla.— Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Business Administration in Management
- Southern University at Shreveport, Shreveport, La.— Review of the Associate of Science in

Business Management and the Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology

- Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Tex.— Review of the following off-campus instructional sites: Alamo University Center, Live Oak, Tex.; Valley Baptist Missions Education Center, Harlingen, Tex.; Wayland Baptist University—San Antonio Campus at the University Center at Harlingen, Tex.; Mountain View Baptist Church, El Paso, Tex.; and Bidwell Site, Fairbanks, Ark.
- Western Texas College, Snyder, Tex.— Review of the Associate of Applied Science in Electrical Lineman Technology at the Big Country Electric Cooperative in Snyder, Tex.

The Board approved the merger/consolidation of the following institutions:

• Coastal Pines Technical College, Waycross, Ga.— Approved the consolidation of Okefenokee Technical College and Altamaha Technical College (SACSCOC-accredited) to be called Coastal Pines Technical College (Effective July 2014)

The Board accepted the prospectus for the merger/consolidation of the following institutions and authorized a substantive change committee:

• Baton Rouge Community College, Baton Rouge, La.— Accepted the prospectus for the consolidation of Baton Rouge Community College and Capital Area Technical College (non-SACSCOC accredited) and authorized a Substantive Change Committee

The Board removed the following institutions from Warning:

- Averett University, Danville, Va.
- Florida Keys Community College, Key West, Fla.
- Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, La.
- Shorter University, Rome, Ga.
- University of North Carolina School of the Arts, Winston-Salem, N.C.

The Board removed the following institutions from Probation:

- Benedict College, Columbia, S.C.
- Brevard College, Brevard, N.C.

Sanctions and other Negative Actions

The Board denied approval of the following substantive changes:

- Bainbridge State College, Bainbridge, Ga.— Denied approval of membership at Level II to offer the Bachelor of Science with a major in Management because the institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure that it has the capability to comply with the following standards as they relate to the substantive change: Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs, to include student learning outcomes), and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence) of the *Principles of Accreditation.*
- Danville Community College, Danville, Va.— Denied approval of the A.A.S. in Radiologic Technology because the institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure that it has the capability to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty) of the *Principles of Accreditation* and SACSCOC policy, *Quality and Integrity of Undergraduate Degrees.*
- · South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, S.C.- (1) Denied approval of the Master of Science in Energy & Environmental Science because the institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure that it has the capability to comply with the following standards as they relate to the substantive change: Core Requirement 2.1 (Degreegranting authority), Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness, educational programs), and Comprehensive Standard 3.4.3 (Admissions policies) of the Principles of Accreditation. (2) Denied approval of the Master of Science in Bioengineering Science because the institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure that it has the capability to comply with the following standards as they relate to the substantive change: Core Requirement 2.1 (Degree-granting authority), Core Requirement 2.7.2 (Program content), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness, educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.3 (Admissions policies), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.7 (Consortial relationships/ contractual agreements), and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence) of the Principles of Accreditation.

The Board denied reaffirmation, continued accreditation, and placed the following institution on Warning:

• Cleveland State Community College, Cleveland, Tenn.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional effectiveness), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.3 (Institutional effectiveness: academic and student support services), and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence) of the *Principles of Accreditation.*

The Board continued accreditation and placed the following institutions on Warning:

- Alabama State University, Montgomery, Ala.– For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing board), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.3 (Board conflict of interest), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of sponsored research/ external funds), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation.* The Committee authorized a special committee to visit the institution.
- Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky.— For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability) and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation.*
- Kentucky Wesleyan College, Owensboro, Ky.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

The Board continued accreditation and continued the following institution on Warning:

 Allen University, Columbia, S.C. – For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing board), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.2.2 (Governing board control: fiscal stability of the institution), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of sponsored research/external funds), Federal Requirement 4.1 (Student achievement), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation.* The Committee authorized a special committee to visit the institution.

The Board continued accreditation and placed the following institutions on Probation:

- Louisiana College, Pineville, La.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Principle 1.1 (Integrity), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.4 (External influence), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.9 (Personnel appointment), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.10 (Administrative staff evaluations), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation.* The Committee authorized a special committee to visit the institution.
- South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, S.C.– For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing board), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.7 (Organizational structure), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.8 (Qualified administrative/academic officers), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of sponsored research/ external funds), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the Principles of Accreditation. The Committee authorized a special committee to visit the institution.

The Board denied reaffirmation, continued accreditation for Good Cause, and placed the following institution on Probation:

• Newberry College, Newberry, S.C.— For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability) and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) of the *Principles* of Accreditation.

The Board continued accreditation for Good Cause and placed the following institution on Probation:

• Paine College, Augusta Ga.- For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing board), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.2.2 (Governing board control: fiscal stability of the institution), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.2.3 (Governing board control: institutional policy), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.8 (Qualified administrative/academic officers), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of sponsored research/external funds), Comprehensive Standard 3.11.2 (Institutional environment), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the *Principles* of Accreditation. The Committee authorized a special committee to visit the institution.

Adverse Action

The Board removed the following institution from membership:

• Brewton-Parker College, Mount Vernon, Ga.— For failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. (Subsequent to action by the Board, the institution appealed the decision to terminate.)

In accordance with the "Standing Rules of SACS Commission on Colleges," members of the Board abstained from the vote on the accreditation status of their respective institutions, affiliated institutions, and any other identified or recognized conflicts of interest. Chair Westmoreland asked Board member Tim Brophy, Chair of the Committee on Fifth-Year Interim Reports, to report on the review of 42 Track B institutions that make up the 2018 reaffirmation class.

Actions on SACSCOC Policies, Procedures, and Best Practices

The Board of Trustees took the following actions in regard to SACSCOC policies, procedures, and best practices:

- "Advertising, Student Recruitment, and Representation of Accredited Status." This policy statement was previously classified as a guideline for institutions; however, due to increased expectations for accrediting commissions to protect the consumer, the new policy statement is specific regarding the obligations of institutions in the areas of advertising, publications, promotional literature, student recruitment for admissions, and representation of accredited status.
- 2. "Institutional Obligations for Public Disclosure." This new policy outlines in one document an institution's obligations to provide information that is complete, accurate, timely, accessible, clear and sufficient. Among the 6 items listed, Item 4 addresses the standard of the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) requiring that SACSCOC includes in its standards or in a policy the requirement that an institution publishes statements of its goals for student achievement and the success of students in achieving those goals.
- "Core Requirement 2.7.1 (Program length): An Interpretation." This document expands the interpretation of Core Requirement 2.7.1 and expects institutions with combination programs with degrees conferred by the same institution to meet or exceed the credit hour thresholds in the standard for the degrees awarded (e.g., a combination baccalaureate and master's degree is a combined minimum 150 semester credit hours).

- 4. "Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty): Guidelines." This document replaces the former template for addressing compliance with Core Requirement 2.8. Instead of focusing on data-driven information about the number of full-time faculty engaged in teaching, it stresses how an institution should look at its critical mass of full-time, qualified faculty to provide direction and oversight of academic programs. This is a shift to viewing sufficiency of fulltime staff to that of their obligations to fulfill basic faculty functions. This will be posted on the SACSCOC website under "Guidelines" and under "Templates."
- 5. "Appeals Procedures of the College Delegate Assembly." This revision makes it clearer that if an institution is removed from accreditation based solely on finances, it can make available

during the appeal new and verifiable financial information that is material to the Board's adverse action. Although this allowance is referenced throughout the procedures, the revisions ensure that an institution understands upfront that such information can be provided.

6. Revised Substantive Change Fees. The SACSCOC Board of Trustees also approved a \$200 increase in fees assessed for the review of a substantive change prospectus and an application form. The new fee of \$500 became effective July 1, 2014. The previous \$300 fee was first initiated in the mid 1990's and could no longer sustain the costs associated with the reviews of substantive change.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges–December 7, 2014

The SACSCOC Board of Trustees met in Executive Session on Sunday, December 7, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. at the Music City Center, Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, Chair of SACSCOC Board of Trustees and President of Samford University, presided. Dr. Mark Keenum, President of Mississippi State University, served as Vice Chair.

Vice-Chair Keenum called the roll. The following Board members were in attendance: Rebecca G. Adams, Professor of Sociology and Gerontology, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, North Carolina; James A. Anderson, Chancellor, Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, North Carolina; MaryLou Apple, President, Motlow State Community College, Lynchburg, Tennessee; Ricardo Azziz, President, Georgia Regents University, Augusta, Georgia; David L. Beckley, President, Rust College, Holly Springs, Mississippi; Elizabeth M. Bejar, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Florida International University, Miami, Florida; Randolph E. Berridge, President, Florida High Tech Corrider Council, Inc., Heathrow, Florida (Public Representative); Nathaniel L. Bishop, President, Jefferson College of Health Sciences, Roanoke, Virginia; Loren J. Blanchard, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Xavier University of Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana; Robert G. Boehmer, President, East Georgia State College, Swainsboro, Georgia; A. Frank Bonner, President, Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, North Carolina; Ronnie L. Booth, President, Tri-County Technical College, Pendleton, South Carolina;

Trina B. Boteler, Executive Vice President, Chattahoochee Technical Colllege, North Metro Campus, Acworth, Georgia; Stephen R. Briggs, President, Berry College, Mount Berry, Georgia; Timothy S. Brophy, Director of Institutional Assessment and Professor of Music Education, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida; Kelvin Buck, Mississippi House of Representatives, Holly Springs, Mississippi (Public Representative); Jimmy M. Cairo, Dean, School of Allied Health Professions, LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, Louisiana; Glenda F. Colagross, Interim President, Southern Union State Community College, Opelika, Alabama; Mary Ann Coleman, President & CEO, Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (Public Representative); Joseph A. DiPietro, President, University of Tennessee, Knoxvile, Tennessee; Patricia L. Donat, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of North Georgia, Dahlonega, Georgia; Benito Flores, Dean, Division of Engineering and Tecnologies, Universidad de Monterrey, Mexico; Carol Z. Garrison, President Emerita, The University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama; Mary S. Graham, President, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Perkinston, Mississippi; Nancy Oliver Gray, President, Hollins University, Roanoke, Virginia; Kimberely B. Hall, Executive Vice President, South College, Knoxville, Tennessee; Natalie J. Harder, Chancellor, South Louisiana Community College, Lafayette, Louisiana; Sandra S. Harper, President, McMurry University, Abilene, Texas; Billy C. Hawkins, President, Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama; Eric A. Hayler, AS2 Board Member, Boiling Springs, South Carolina (Public Representative); Brenda L. Hellyer, Chancellor, San Jacinto College, Pasadena, Texas; Karen P. Helm, Director, University Planning and Accreditation, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina; Larry D. Hostetter, President, Brescia University, Owensboro, Kentucky; Jairy C. Hunter,

Jr., President, Charleston Southern University, Charleston, South Carolina; William G. Ingram, President, Durham Technical Community College, Durham, North Carolina; Katherine M. Johnson, President, Pasco-Hernando State College, New Port Richey, Florida; Peter Grant Jordan, President, Tarrant County College–South Campus, Fort Worth, Texas; Sandra J. Jordan, Chancellor, University of South Carolina-Aiken, Aiken, South Carolina; Mark E. Keenum, President, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Mississippi; Flavius C. Killebrew, President/CEO, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, Texas; James S. Klauber, President, Owensboro Community and Technical College, Owensboro, Kentucky; Andrea S. Mayfield, President, Shelton State Community College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Terry M. McConathy, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana; Betty A. McCrohan, President, Wharton County Junior College, Wharton, Texas; Johnette McKown, President, McLennan Community College, Waco, Texas; Timothy P. McNamara, Vice Provost for Faculty and International Affairs, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee; Charles Edward Meadows, President, Pensacola State College, Pensacola, Florida; Charles R. Mojock, President, Lake-Sumter State College, Leesburg, Florida; Nancy B. Moody, President, Tusculum College, Greeneville, Tennessee; John R. Nelson, Attorney at Law, Lynchburg, Virginia (Public Representative); James S. Netherton, Executive Vice President for Administration and Finance, Mercer University, Macon, Georgia; Brian E. Noland, President, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee; D. Ray Perren, President, Lanier Technical College, Oakwood, Georgia; Joseph C. Rallo, Special Advisor for Global Engagement, Texas Tech University System, Lubbock, Texas; Alfred Rankins, Jr., President, Alcorn State University, Lorman, Mississippi; Brenda Hyde Rogers, Education Consultant, Chapel Hill, North

Carolina (Public Representative); E. Joseph Savoie, President, The University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, Louisiana; Edward L. Schrader, President, Brenau University, Gainesville, Georigia; Loren E. Swartzendruber, President, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia; Linda K. Thomas-Glover, President, Eastern Shore Community College, Melfa, Virginia; John G. Thornell, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, University of North Alabama, Florence, Alabama; Andrew Westmoreland, President, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama; Evans P. Whitaker, President, Anderson University, Anderson, South Carolina; Susan A. Winsor, President, Aiken Technical College, Aiken, South Carolina; and Daniel A. Wubah, Provost, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia.

The following Board members were not in attendance: W. Todd Carlisle, Attorney at Law, Sirote & Permutt, Birmingham, Alabama (Public Representative); Michael A. Gerber, President, Cross Channel Initiatives, Atlanta, Georgia (Public Representative); Dana L. Gibson, President, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas; Judy T. Gooch, Oak Ridge, Tennessee (Public Representative); Billy D. Hilyer, President, Faulkner University, Montgomery, Alabama; Daniel W. Jones, Chancellor, University of Mississippi, University, Mississippi; Timothy S. Mescon, President, Columbus State University, Columbus, Georgia; Richard W. Phillips, President, Southern College of Optometry, Memphis, Tennessee; Wilson Stone, House of Representatives, Kentucky Legislature, Scottsville, Kentucky (Public Representative); and Karen O'Connor Urban, Corpus Christi, Texas (Public Representative).

A special welcome was extended to Drs. Joseph DiPietro, Mary Graham, and Alfred Rankins, newly-appointed members of the Board of Trustees.

The Board approved the minutes of its June 2014 Executive Business Session. Copies of the

minutes of the June 2014 Executive Council meeting were presented to the Board as information.

Report from the Chair

Chair Westmoreland called on SACSCOC legal counsel, Mr. Patrick McKee, for a report to the Board. McKee updated the Board on legal activities and also noted that the Commission has no pending institutional litigation.

Chair Westmoreland reported to the Board that during sessions on December 5–7, 2014, the Executive Council took the following actions:

- Reviewed and commented on the following staff reports: Substantive change activities, applicant and candidate activities, the small college initiative scheduled for spring 2015 focusing on the completion agenda, the SACSCOC Peer Review Advisory Board, and research from the Office of Training and Research.
- Received and accepted a report from the SACSCOC's Investment Committee chaired by Executive Council member Susan Winsor, and from the SACSCOC's Audit and Finance Committee chaired by Executive Council member Ed Meadows.
- Received and approved the FY 2014 audit and its 8879 Form.
- Reaffirmed the exclusive use of the SACSCOC seal.
- Voted to hold in abeyance the application of the interpretation to Core Requirement 2.7.1 as adopted by the Board in June 2014 that authorized staff to appoint a subcommittee of institutional representatives to discuss the issues and suggest changes. This interpretation addressed combination degrees conferred by the same institution and the threshold number of credit hours required for those degrees.
- Discussed the quality of instruction for students enrolled in dual enrollment courses in high school. Of particular concern are the issues of the quality of faculty, the composition of classes,

and financial aid advising. The Council asked staff to conduct a study of the process used in the review of dual enrollment courses in the high school and bring back a report in June.

- Reviewed the report from the National Student Clearinghouse and Persistence Metrics and its findings as applied to 324 SACSCOC Levels II– VI institutions for six-year outcomes. In spring 2015, the Commission expects to receive data for Level 1 institutions with four-year outcomes and will provide the Board with an overview and suggestions on the use of data.
- Endorsed/revised policies and forwarded them to the Board for final action.
- Took action on the Reports of the Committees on Compliance and Reports and forwarded the Reports to the Board for final action. No changes were made to the recommendations.

Chair Westmoreland also confirmed the 2015 meeting dates of the Board: June 9–11 in Portsmouth, Virginia, for the Summer Meeting of the Board; and December 4–8, 2015, in Houston, Texas, for the Annual Meeting.

Recognition of Outgoing SACSCOC Board of Trustees

The Chair recognized Board members whose terms expired December 2014 and commended them for their many contributions. Retiring Trustees included the following: Randolph Berridge, Robert Boehmer, Stephen Briggs, Kelvin Buck, Carol Garrison, Michael Gerber, Eric Hayler, Billy Hilyer, William Ingram, Timothy Mescon, Brian Noland, Joseph Rallo, Joseph Savoie, Wilson Stone, Evans Whitaker, and Susan Winsor.

Belle S. Wheelan, President of SACS Commission on Colleges, presented gifts of appreciation to each of the retiring members for their many years of service on the Board. She commented on the great group of retiring volunteers whose strength had made a mark on the work of the Commission.

Report from the SACSCOC President

Wheelan continued with her presentation by expressing her appreciation to all Board members and C & R Chairs for their dedication and service and for their support. She updated the Board on financial and budget issues, investments, the strategic plan, new administrative staff, the activities of the Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions, and the Summer Institute. She also presented an overview of the issues regarding the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

Report of the Nominating Committee regarding Nominees to the Board of Trustees and Election of the 2015 Executive Council

The Board of Trustees reviewed the slate of nominees presented by the SACSCOC's Nominating Committee, chaired by Dr. Beverely Hogan, President, Tougaloo College, and approved the following list of Board members to serve on the 2015 Executive Council of SACSCOC Board of Trustees: Andrew Westmoreland, President, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama (Chair); Mark E. Keenum, President, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Mississippi (Vice Chair); James A. Anderson, Chancellor, Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, North Carolina; W. Todd Carlisle, Attorney, Sirote & Permutt, Birmingham, Alabama (Public Representative); Billy C. Hawkins, President, Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama; Sandra J. Jordan, Chancellor, University of South Carolina–Aikin, Aiken, South Carolina; Flavius C. Killebrew, President, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, Texas; James S. Klauber, President, Owensboro Community and Technical College, Owensboro, Kentucky; Charles Edward Meadows, President, Pensacola State College, Pensacola, Florida; Terry M. McConathy, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana; Nancy B.

Moody, President, Tusculum College, Greeneville, Tennessee; D. Ray Perren, President, Lanier Technical College, Oakwood, Georgia; and Linda K. Thomas-Glover, President, Eastern Shore Community College, Melfa, Virginia.

The reports from the SACSCOC Nominating Committee regarding nominees to the SACSCOC Board of Trustees, the Appeals Committee of the College Delegate Assembly, and the SACS Board of Trustees were presented as information and have been forwarded to the College Delegate Assembly for final vote. Chair Westmoreland thanked the members of the 2014 Executive Council for coordinating the nominating processes in their respective states.

Report of the Nominating Committee for Chairs of the 2015 Committees on Compliance and Reports

The SACSCOC's Nominating Committee for Chairs of the Committees on Compliance and Reports, chaired by Board member Joseph Rallo and comprised of Board members completing their final terms at this meeting, presented its slate of nominees. The Board approved the following members to serve as chairs of the Committees on Compliance and Reports for 2015:

- For re-election: Timothy Brophy and Sandra Harper
- For election: Frank Bonner, Glenda F. Colagross, Nancy Oliver Gray, and Andrea Mayfield

Actions on SACSCOC Policies, Procedures, and Best Practices

The SACSCOC Board of Trustees took the following actions regarding Commission policies, procedures, and best practices:

 "Complaint Procedures against SACSCOC or Its Accredited Institutions." The revised policy includes the following new provisions: (a) SACSCOC will review only accreditation-related complaint cases whereby the complainant has exhausted institutional grievance procedures and (b) SACSCOC no longer has the obligation to consider additional information subsequent to the receipt of the formal complaint.

2. "Standing Rules of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees, Executive Council, and the College Delegate Assembly." The revised policy modifies the timing of the comprehensive review of SACSCOC accreditation standards so that the *Principles* are reviewed following reauthorization of the amended Higher Education Act rather than every seven years. The revised provision allows the membership to consider the integration of any new federal requirements at the same time that it proposes additional changes to the *Principles*.

Actions on the Accreditation of Institutions

The Board of Trustees of SACSCOC took the following actions regarding the accreditation status of institutions reviewed in December 2014. The list does not include the names of institutions required only to submit additional monitoring reports, unless the review resulted in a negative or an adverse action.

The Board reaffirmed the accreditation of the following institutions:

- Academy of Oriental Medicine at Austin, Austin, Tex.
- Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga.
- Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University, Normal, Ala.
- Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tenn.
- Barry University, Miami Shores, Fla.
- Bryan College, Dayton, Tenn.
- Campbellsville University, Campbellsville, Ky.
- Clayton State University, Morrow, Ga.

- The Citadel, Charleston, S.C.
- Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Tex.
- Delta State University, Cleveland, Miss.
- Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.
- Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla.
- Georgia College & State University, Milledgeville, Ga.
- Georgia Southwestern State University, Americus, Ga.
- Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Tex.
- Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Ala.
- Longwood University, Farmville, Va.
- Louisiana State University and A&M College, Baton Rouge, La. (includes approval of exception to CR 2.3 Chief Executive Officer)
- Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport, Shreveport, La.
- LSU Paul M. Hebert Law School, Baton Rouge, La.
- Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Va.
- Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Miss.
- Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, Miss.
- Murray State University, Murray, Ky.
- North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C.
- St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Tex.
- · Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, Tex.
- Texas A&M University—Commerce, Commerce, Tex.
- The University of Dallas, Irving, Tex.
- University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.
- University of Houston–Victoria, Victoria, Tex.
- University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton, Tex.
- University of Mobile, Mobile, Ala.
- The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, N,C.
- · University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Ga.

• Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Va.

The Board reaffirmed the accreditation of the following institutions and removed them from sanction:

- Brewton-Parker College, Mount Vernon, Ga. (removed from Probation)
- **Newberry College**, Newberry, S.C. (removal from Probation)

The Board granted initial accreditation to the following institutions:

- H. Councill Trenholm State Technical Community College, Montgomery, Ala. (Level I)
- Texas A&M University—San Antonio, San Antonio, Tex. (Level III) (Formerly accredited as part of the Texas A&M University—Kingsville)

The Board authorized an Accreditation Committee visit to the following institution:

• Texas Southmost College, Brownsville, Tex. (Currently accredited as the University of Texas at Brownsville/Texas Southmost College)

The Board accredited the following member institutions at a new or a more advanced degree level:

- Georgia Perimeter College, Decatur, Ga.— Moved from Level I to Level II offering the Bachelor of Science in Health Informatics and the Bachelor of Arts in American Sign Language (Effective: August 2015)
- University of North Texas at Dallas, Dallas, Tex.— Moved from Level III to Level V offering the Juris Doctor in Law (Effective: Fall 2015)

The Board approved the following substantive changes:

- Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va.— Approved the acquisition of the Equine Studies program from Virginia Intermont College
- University of Houston, Houston, Tex. Approved the acquisition of the School of Nursing from the University of Houston–Victoria to be offered at the main campus as well as at the following sites: University of Houston–Sugar Land Campus; University of Houston–Victoria; University of Houston System–Cinco Ranch; and Lone Star College–University Center at Montgomery. (Effective: August 2015).
- University of North Texas at Dallas, Dallas, Tex.— Approved the acquisition of the University of North Texas College of Law

The Board continued the accreditation of the following institutions after a Substantive Change Committee conducted an on-site review of a previously approved change:

- Carson-Newman University, Jefferson City, Tenn.— Review of membership at Level IV and Level V offering the Educational Specialist and the Doctor of Education
- Coastal Pines Technical College, Waycross, Ga.— Review of the merger/consolidation of Okefenokee Technical College and Altamaha Technical College
- College of Charleston, Charleston, S.C.— Review of the Master of Science in Historic Preservation joint degree with Clemson University and offered in Charleston, S.C.
- Dallas Baptist University, Dallas, Tex.— Review of the following off-campus instructional sites: Hurst-Euless-Bedford Independent School District, Bedford, Tex.; Lindale High School Independent School District, Lindale, Tex.; and Community Independent School District Administration Building, Nevada
- Frank Phillips College, Borger, Tex.— Review of the following Texas off-campus instructional

sites: The Hereford Cosmetology Center of Frank Phillips College, Hereford, and the Dumas Cosmetology Center, Dumas

- Gordon State College, Barnesville, Ga.— Review of the Henry County Academy for Advanced Studies located in McDonough, Ga.
- Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Tex.— Review of an off-campus instructional site located in New Braunfels, Tex., offering more than 50 percent of the Master of Business Administration
- King University, Bristol, Tenn.— Review of the institution's following off-campus instructional sites: Mountain Empire Community, Big Stone Gap, Va., and Spring Bluff Way, Knoxville, Tenn.
- Lone Star College System, The Woodlands, Tex.— Review of its branch campus, Mulia Business Park, located in Jakarta, Indonesia
- Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Va.— Review of the (1) Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies—Teacher Education degree completion program and (2) an off-campus instructional site in Castries, St. Lucia
- Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison, Tenn.— Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice with 50 percent or more of the coursework offered through distance learning
- Nashville State Community College, Nashville, Tenn.— Review of the off-campus instructional site located in Clarksville, Tenn.
- North Carolina Central University, Durham, N.C.— Review of the institution's off-campus instructional site: Public Safety Education Campus, Wake Technical College, Raleigh, N.C.
- Northwest-Shoals Community College, Muscle Shoals, Ala.— Review of the following Alabama off-campus instructional sites: Russellville High School and Franklin County Technical Center, Russellville; Muscle Shoals Center for Technology, Muscle Shoals; and Allen Thornton Career Technical Center, Killen

- Our Lady of Holy Cross College, New Orleans, La.— Review of membership at Level V offering the Ph.D. in Counselor Education
- Parker University, Dallas, Tex.— Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Business Administration in Health Care Management
- Reinhardt University, Waleska, Ga.— Review of the institution's off-campus instructional site: Chattahoochee Technical College, Canton, Ga.
- Tennessee Wesleyan College, Athens, Tenn.— Review of an off-campus instructional site located at Cleveland State Community College, Cleveland, Tenn.
- Texas A&M University, College Station, Tex.— Review of (1) the acquisition of Texas Wesleyan University School of Law and (2) the merger/ consolidation with Texas A&M Health Science Center
- University of Houston, Houston, Tex.— Review of the following off-campus instructional sites: Northwest Campus (UH-NWC), Houston, Tex.; CPNC and CPPC Managers Training Institute, Xi San Qi, Beijing, China; Hotel Holiday International, Sharjah, UAE, Dubai; Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola, La Molina, Lima, Peru; and Ukraine Kyiv School of Economics, Kyiv, Ukraine
- University of Mount Olive, Mount Olive, N.C.— Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Business Administration online
- The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Tex.— Review of the institution's off-campus instructional site: Dallas ISD School Support Service Center, Dallas, Tex.

The Board approved the merger/consolidation of the following institutions:

• Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Ga.— Approval of the merger/consolidation of Kennesaw State University and Southern Polytechnic State University to be called Kennesaw State University (Effective: January 2015)

The Board removed the following institution from Warning:

• Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, Va.

Sanctions and Other Negative Actions

The Board denied substantive change approval to offer educational programs at a new or more advanced degree level for the following member institutions:

- Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, Ga.– Denial of approval of membership at Level II to offer the Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management and the Bachelor of Applied Science in Business Management for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.7.2 (Program content), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.4 (Acceptance of academic credit), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.3 (Undergraduate program requirements), and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence) of the *Principles of Accreditation.*
- Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Tex.— Denial of approval of membership at Level V to offer the Doctor of Management for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.4.6 (Practices for awarding credit) and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence); and the Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.7.2 (Program content), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.6 (Practices for awarding credit), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence), and Federal Requirement 4.2 (Program curriculum) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

The Board denied approval of a substantive change for the following member institution:

 Alabama State University, Montgomery, Ala. Denial of approval of Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.7 (Consortial relationships/contractual agreements), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.11 (Academic program coordination), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.3 (Undergraduate program requirements), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.4 (Terminal degrees of faculty), and Comprehensive Standard 3.8.1 (Learning/ information resources); and the Master of Social Work for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence), and Comprehensive Standard 3.8.1 (Learning/information resources) of the Principles of Accreditation.

The Board continued the accreditation of the following institutions and placed them on Warning:

- The Art Institute of Atlanta, Atlanta, Ga.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances) of the *Principles of Accreditation.*
- The Art Institute of Houston, Houston, Tex.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances) of the *Principles of Accreditation.*

- Bethel University, McKenzie, Tenn.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.
- Miami International University of Art & Design, Miami, Fla.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances) of the *Principles of Accreditation.*
- South University, Savannah, Ga.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances) of the *Principles of Accreditation.*

The Board continued the accreditation of the following institutions and continued them on Warning:

- Alabama State University, Montgomery, Ala.— For six months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of sponsored research/external funds), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the *Principles* of Accreditation.
- Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability) and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation.* The Committee authorized a special committee to visit the institution.

The Board continued the accreditation of the following institution and placed it on Probation:

• Norfolk State University, Norfolk, Va.- For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing board), Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.5 (Board dismissal), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.6 (Board/ administrative distinction), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.5 (Faculty role in governance), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.2 (Financial aid audits), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of sponsored research/ external funds), Comprehensive Standard 3.11.1 (Control of physical resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.13.1 (Policy compliance), Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the Principles of Accreditation. The Committee authorized a special committee to visit the institution.

The Board continued accreditation for Good Cause and placed the following institutions on Probation:

- Emmanuel Christian Seminary, Johnson City, Tenn.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances) of the *Principles of Accreditation.* The Committee authorized a special committee to visit the institution.
- Erskine College, Due West, S.C.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), and

Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation.* The Committee authorized a special committee to visit the institution.

The Board continued accreditation for Good Cause, denied reaffirmation, and continued the following institution on Probation:

 Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Ga.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV, Program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation.* The Committee authorized a special committee to visit the institution.

The Board removed the following institution from membership:

 Mid-Continent University, Mayfield, Ky. – For failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional effectiveness), Core Requirement 2.6 (Continuous operation), Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Core Requirement 2.9 (Learning resources and services), Core Requirement 2.10 (Student support services), Core Reguirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Core Requirement 2.11.2 (Physical resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.2 (Financial aid audits), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), Federal Requirement 4.6 (Recruitment materials), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the Principles of Accreditation (The institution did not appeal the Board

decision; therefore, termination of accreditation was effective December 7, 2014.)

In accordance with the "Standing Rules of SACS Commission on Colleges," members of the Board abstained from the vote on the accreditation status of their respective institutions, affiliated institutions, and any other identified or recognized conflicts of interest.

Chair Westmoreland asked Dr. MaryLou Apple, Chair of the Committee on Fifth-Year Interim Reports, to report on the review of 35 Track A institutions that make up the 2019 reaffirmation class. He then thanked MaryLou Apple and the following Chairs of the Committees on Compliance and Reports for their leadership: Stephen Briggs, Timothy Brophy, Sandra Harper, William Ingram, and Joseph Rallo.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the College Delegate Assembly of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges–December 9, 2014

The College Delegate Assembly of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) held its Annual Business Meeting at the Music City Center, Nashville, Tennessee, on December 9, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, President of Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, presided. Dr. Susan Winsor, President of Aiken Technical College, Aiken, South Carolina, served as acting Vice Chair.

Chair Westmoreland introduced the meeting's speaker, Dr. Belle Wheelan, President of SACSCOC, who presented the "State of the Commission."

Following the President's presentation, Chair Westmoreland convened the business portion of the session and reported on the actions taken by the Executive Council and the SACSCOC Board of Trustees during their meetings December 5–7, 2014. (Refer to the Minutes of the Business Meeting of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees, December 7, 2014.)

Action on Nominations

Chair Westmoreland explained the process for nominating individuals to the SACSCOC Board of Trustees. It is an open process whereby the chief executive officers of member institutions (college delegates) are invited to submit nominees to their respective state's Board of Trustees members who, in turn, submit a slate of nominees to the SACSCOC Nominating Committee.

Acting Vice-Chair Winsor read the report of SACSCOC Nominating Committee. The College Delegate Assembly elected the following to serve on the SACSCOC Board of Trustees:

Class of 2017

(Terms beginning January 1, 2015, and concluding December 31, 2017)

- James A. Anderson, Chancellor, Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, N.C.
- A. Frank Bonner, President, Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, N.C.

- Timothy S. Brophy, Director of Institutional Assessment and Professor of Music Education, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.
- Nancy Clutts, Partner, The Corbin Group, Tavares, Fla. (Public Member)
- Deke Copenhaver, President, Copenhaver Consulting, Augusta, Ga. (Public Member)
- Kandi W. Deitemeyer, President, College of the Albemarle, Elizabeth City, N.C.
- Joseph A. DiPietro, President, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn.
- Ruth S. Feiock, Assistant Vice President, Planning & Programs, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla.
- Mary S. Graham, President, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Perkinston, Miss.
- **Richard J. Gough**, President, Technical College of the Lowcountry, Beaufort, S.C.
- Kimberely B. Hall, Executive Vice President, South College, Knoxville, Tenn.
- Marcia A. Hawkins, President, Union College, Barbourville, Ky.
- Thomas J. Hynes, President, Clayton State University, Morrow, Ga.
- W. Briggs Hopson, III, Mississippi State Senator for District 23 and Attorney, Teller, Hassell & Hopson, Vicksburg, Miss. (Public Member)
- G. David Johnson, Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Ala.
- Sandra J. Jordan, Chancellor, University of South Carolina—Aiken, Aiken, S.C.
- Kevin Kauffeld, Chancellor and Chief Administrative Officer, Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro, Owensboro, Ky. (Public Member)
- Brenda S. Kays, President, Stanly Community College, Albemarle, N.C.
- Flavius C. Killebrew, President, Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, Tex.
- James S. Klauber, President, Owensboro Community & Technical College, Owensboro, Ky.

- S. Craig Long, Performance Solutions by Milliken Fellow, Milliken Corporation, Gaffney, S.C. (Public Member)
- **S. David Mash**, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Lander University, Greenwood, S.C.
- Carolyn W. Meyers, President, Jackson State University, Jackson, Miss.
- Nancy B. Moody, President, Tusculum College, Greeneville, Tenn.
- Joseph A. Morgan, Provost, Murray State University, Murray, Ky.
- Bruce T. Murphy, President, Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, La.
- M. Duane Nellis, President, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Tex.
- John S. Smarrelli, Jr., President, Christian Brothers University, Memphis, Tenn.
- Loren E. Swartzendruber, President, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.
- L. Anthony Wise, Jr., President, Pellissippi State Community College, Knoxville, Tenn.

For Election to the Class of 2015

(Filling a vacancy; eligible in 2015 for a full term)

• Alfred Rankins, Jr., President, Alcorn State University, Lorman, Miss.

For Public Representative to the SACS Board of Trustees

• Wilson Stone, House of Representatives, Kentucky Legislature, Scottsville, Ky.

The College Delegate Assembly elected the following former members of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees to the Appeals Committee of the College Delegate Assembly:

To Serve Three-Year Terms as Members of the Appeals Committee, Class of 2017

- Deborah Diddle, Certified Public Accountant, Knoxville, Tenn.
- William G. Ingram, President, Durham Technical Community College, Durham, N.C.
- Gloria W. Raines, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (Retired), Louisiana State University in Shreveport, Shreveport, La.
- Evans P. Whitaker, President, Anderson University, Anderson, S.C.

To Serve one Three-Year Term as an Appeals Hearing Officer, Class of 2017

• Anita Schonberger, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, University of West Florida, Pensacola, Fla.

Chair Westmoreland referred the membership to the list of SACSCOC Board of Trustees elected on Sunday, December 7, 2014, to serve on the 2015 Executive Council. The report was presented to the College Delegate Assembly as information. He recognized and thanked the following members of the 2014 SACSCOC Nominating Committee: Beverly W. Hogan (Chair), President, Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi; William T. Luckey, Jr., President, Lindsey Wilson College, Columbia, Kentucky; Darrell F. Parker, Dean, College of Business, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina; and Martha D. Saunders, Provost, The University of West Florida, Pensacola, Florida.

Report of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees on the Accreditation of Institutions

Acting Vice-Chair Winsor read the reports from SACSCOC Board of Trustees regarding accreditation actions taken on June 19, 2014, and December 7, 2014. The reports were read as information. (Refer to the June 19, 2014, and December 7, 2014, Minutes of the Business Meetings of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees.)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. after announcing that the College Delegates would reconvene December 2015 in Houston, Texas.

Appeals Proceedings of SACSCOC College Delegate Assembly

On June 14, 2014, the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges took action to terminate the accreditation of Brewton-Parker College, Mount Vernon, Georgia, citing failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of Finances), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation.* The institution appealed the decision of the Board.

On September 24, 2014, the Appeals Committee of the College Delegate Assembly met to take action on the appeal of Brewton-Parker College. The Appeals Committee affirmed the decision of the SACSCOC Board to terminate the institution's accreditation finding the Board's decision to be reasonable, not arbitrary, and based on standards cited and that the SACSCOC's Board, in reaching its decision, followed its procedures in the removal of membership. However, the Appeals Committee also found that Brewton-Parker College had produced evidence that it had new, verifiable financial information material to the adverse action which was not available at the time of the Board's June review. Consequently, the Appeals Committee remanded the case to the SACSCOC Board of Trustees for consideration of the new financial information during its meeting in December 2014.

2014 Roll of Accredited and Candidate Institutions

Institutions Awarded Initial Membership in 2014

Congratulations to the five institutions that were awarded initial or separate accreditation.

- H. Councill Trenholm State Technical College, Montgomery, Alabama
- Ogeechee Technical College, Statesboro, Georgia
- Sowela Technical Community College, Lake Charles, Louisiana
- Texas A&M University—San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas (Awarded initial separate accreditation from Texas A&M University Kingsville)
- Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, Roanoke, Virginia

Member Institutions with a Change of Status in 2014

- Altamaha Technical College, Jesup, Georgia (Merged with Okefenokee Technical College: June 19, 2014. New institution: Coastal Pines Technical College)
- The College of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More, Irving, Texas (Withdrew accreditation: December 2, 2014)
- Mid-Continent University, Mayfield, Kentucky (Removed from accreditation: December 7, 2014)
- Okefenokee Technical College, Waycross, Georgia (Merged with Altamaha Technical College: June 19, 2014. New institution: Coastal Pines Technical College)
- Southern Polytechnic State University, Marietta, Georgia (Merged with Kennesaw State University: December 7, 2014)
- Victory University, Memphis, Tennessee (Withdrew accreditation: May 14, 2014)
- Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, Virginia (Removed from accreditation: June 25, 2014)

Profile of Member/Candidate Institutions by State/ by Degree Level as of December 31, 2014

State	I	Ш	ш	IV	V	VI	TOTAL
Alabama	24	8	3	3	8	8	54
Florida	4	32	15	0	12	14	77
Georgia	26	23	9	5	12	10	85
Kentucky	16	7	8	2	15	2	50
Louisiana	11	3	5	2	9	9	39
Mississippi	15	2	4	1	5	5	32
North Carolina	60	11	21	0	11	9	112
South Carolina	17	7	10	5	8	3	50
Tennessee	14	7	13	2	17	10	63
Texas	63	12	28	1	32	27	163
Virginia	24	9	15	0	13	11	72
International	0	0	3	0	1	2	6
Candidate	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
TOTALS	274	121	135	21	143	110	804

Institutions are classified by the highest degree level offered. The levels are as follows:

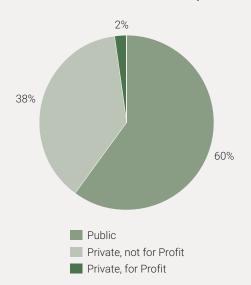
Level I Associate degree Level IV Master's degree and Educational Specialist

Level II Baccalaureate degree Level V Three or fewer doctoral degrees Level III Master's degree Level VI Four or more doctoral degrees

Profile by State/by Governance as of December 31, 2014

State	Public	Private	TOTAL
Alabama	39	15	54
Florida	41	36	77
Georgia	53	32	85
Kentucky	24	26	50
Louisiana	28	11	39
Mississippi	24	8	32
North Carolina	75	37	112
South Carolina	29	21	50
Tennessee	22	41	63
Texas	108	55	163
Virginia	40	32	72
International	0	6	6
Candidate	1	0	0
TOTALS	484	320	804

Profile by Governance as of December 31, 2014



2014 Roll of Accredited and Candidate Institutions

Institutions accredited by SACSCOC are listed below by state and include the initial date of accreditation, the date of next reaffirmation, governance type, the degree level, and the types of degrees offered. Candidate institutions list candidacy date. For specific information regarding the current status of institutions, access the SACSCOC Membership Directory at http://www.sacscoc.org/search.asp.

Notes to the reader:

- 1. The following abbreviations are used in the tables that follow:
 - Under Governance: "P" = Public; "Pr" = Private; "NFP" = Not For Profit; "FP" = For Profit
 - Institutions are classified by the highest degree level offered. The levels are as follows:
 Level I: Associate degree
 - Level I: Associate degree Level II: Baccalaureate degree Level III: Master's degree Level IV: Master's degree and Educational Specialist Level V: Three or fewer doctoral degrees Level VI: Four or more doctoral degrees
- 2. One asterisk by the initial accreditation date indicates one of the following:
 - a. the initial accreditation date is that of a merged/consolidated entity approved between 2010-2014, or
 - b. the initial accreditation date is when the institution gained separate accreditation from another accredited institution.

In either case, the institution would have been accredited prior to the date listed but as a different entity.

- 3. Two asterisks after the name of an institution indicates that the institution was accredited for only part of 2014. (See also "Member Institutions with a Change of Status in 2014.")
- 4. If a name change occurred in 2014, the former name follows the current name and is indicated in italics.

Alabama

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Air University	Maxwell AFB	2004	2019	Ρ	V	AMD
Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University	Normal	1963	2024	Ρ	V	A B M ES D
Alabama Southern Community College	Monroeville	1992	2016	Ρ	I	А
Alabama State University	Montgomery	1966	2020	Р	VI	A B M ES D
Amridge University	Montgomery	1989	2015	Pr, NFP	V	ABMD
Athens State University	Athens	1955	2021	Р	II	В
Auburn University	Auburn University	1922	2023	Ρ	VI	B M ES D
Auburn University at Montgomery	Montgomery	1968	2018	Р	V	B M ES D
Bevill State Community College	Jasper	1994	2020	Р	I	А

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Birmingham-Southern College	Birmingham	1922	2015	Pr, NFP		В
Bishop State Community College	Mobile	1992	2015	Ρ	I	А
Calhoun Community College	Tanner	1968	2022	Р	I	А
Central Alabama Community College	Alexander City	1969	2015	Р	I	А
Chattahoochee Valley Community College	Phenix City	1976	2023	Ρ	I	А
Concordia College Alabama	Selma	1983	2019	Pr, NFP		ΑB
Enterprise State Community College	Enterprise	1969	2024	Р	I	А
Faulkner University	Montgomery	1971	2019	Pr, NFP	V	ABMD
Gadsden State Community College	Gadsden	2003	2018	Р	I	А
George C. Wallace Community College	Dothan	2000	2022	Р	I	А
George Corley Wallace State Community College	Selma	1974	2020	Ρ	I	А
H. Councill Trenholm State Technical College	Montgomery	2014	2019	Ρ	I	А
Huntingdon College	Montgomery	1928	2020	Pr, NFP		ΑB
J. F. Drake State Community and Technical College	Huntsville	2012	2017	Ρ	I	А
Jacksonville State University	Jacksonville	1935	2024	Р	V	B M ES D
James H. Faulkner State Community College	Bay Minette	1970	2016	Ρ	I	А
Jefferson Davis Community College	Brewton	1994	2019	Р	I	А
Jefferson State Community College	Birmingham	1968	2024	Р	I	А
Judson College	Marion	1925	2015	Pr, NFP		ΑB
Lurleen B. Wallace Community College	Andalusia	2003	2018	Р	I	А
Marion Military Institute	Marion	1926	2015	Р	I	А
Miles College	Fairfield	1969	2023	Pr, NFP	11	ΑB
Northeast Alabama Community College	Rainsville	1969	2015	Р	I	А
Northwest-Shoals Community College	Muscle Shoals	1994	2019	Р	I	А
Oakwood University	Huntsville	1958	2022	Pr, NFP		ABM
Samford University	Birmingham	1920	2017	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M ES D
Shelton State Community College	Tuscaloosa	1994	2019	Р	I	А
Snead State Community College	Boaz	1941	2024	Р	I	А
Southern Union State Community College	Wadley	1994	2016	Р	I	А
Spring Hill College	Mobile	1922	2016	Pr, NFP		ABM
Stillman College	Tuscaloosa	1953	2020	Pr, NFP		В
T.A. Lawson State Community College	Birmingham	2005	2020	Ρ	I	A
Talladega College	Talladega	1931	2019	Pr, NFP		В
Troy University	Troy	2004	2019	Ρ	V	A B M ES D

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Tuskegee University	Tuskegee	1933	2018	Pr, NFP	VI	BMD4
United States Sports Academy	Daphne	1983	2018	Pr, NFP	\vee	BMD
The University of Alabama	Tuscaloosa	1897	2015	Р	VI	B M ES D
The University of Alabama at Birmingham	Birmingham	1970	2015	Ρ	VI	BMD
The University of Alabama in Huntsville	Huntsville	1970	2016	Р	VI	BMD
The University of West Alabama	Livingston	1938	2023	Р	IV	A B M ES
University of Mobile	Mobile	1968	2024	Pr, NFP		ABM
University of Montevallo	Montevallo	1925	2021	Ρ	IV	B M ES
University of North Alabama	Florence	1934	2022	Р	IV	B M ES
University of South Alabama	Mobile	1968	2023	Ρ	VI	B M ES D
Wallace State Community College	Hanceville	1978	2015	Р	I	А

Florida

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Adventist University of Health Sciences– Florida Hospital's University	Orlando	1996	2021	Pr, NFP		ABM
The Baptist College of Florida	Graceville	1981	2018	Pr, NFP	Ш	ΒM
Barry University	Miami Shores	1947	2024	Pr, NFP	VI	B M ES D
Beacon College	Leesburg	2003	2018	Pr, NFP	II	ΑB
Bethune-Cookman University	Daytona Beach	1947	2020	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Broward College	Ft. Lauderdale	1965	2024	Р	II	ΑB
Chipola College	Marianna	1957	2018	Ρ	Ш	ΑB
Clearwater Christian College	Clearwater	1984	2020	Pr, NFP		ABM
College of Central Florida	Ocala	1964	2016	Ρ	II	ΑB
Daytona State College	Daytona Beach	1963	2024	Р	II	ΑB
Eastern Florida State College	Сосоа	1965	2024	Ρ	Ш	ΑB
Eckerd College	St. Petersburg	1966	2021	Pr, NFP	II	В
Edward Waters College	Jacksonville	1979	2015	Pr, NFP	II	В
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Daytona Beach	1968	2022	Pr, NFP	VI	ABMD
Everglades University	Boca Raton	2010	2015	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Flagler College	St. Augustine	1973	2019	Pr, NFP	II	В
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	Tallahassee	1935	2018	Ρ	VI	ВMD
Florida Atlantic University	Boca Raton	1967	2023	Р	VI	BMD
Florida College	Temple Terrace	1954	2017	Pr, NFP	II	ΑB

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Florida Gateway College	Lake City	1966	2020	Р		ΑB
Florida Gulf Coast University	Fort Myers	1999	2015	Р	V	BMD
Florida Institute of Technology	Melbourne	1964	2015	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M ES D
Florida International University	Miami	1974	2020	Р	VI	A B M ES D
Florida Keys Community College	Key West	1968	2022	Р		А
Florida Memorial University	Miami Gardens	1951	2022	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Florida National University	Hialeah	1997	2022	Pr, FP		ABM
Florida Southern College	Lakeland	1935	2018	Pr, NFP	V	ΒM
Florida SouthWestern State College (formerly Edison State College)	Fort Myers	1966	2022	Ρ	Ш	ΑB
Florida State College at Jacksonville	Jacksonville	1969	2024	Р		ΑB
Florida State University	Tallahassee	1915	2024	Р	VI	A B M ES D
Gulf Coast State College	Panama City	1962	2021	Р		ΑB
Hillsborough Community College	Tampa	1971	2017	Р	I	А
Hodges University	Naples	1998	2023	Pr, NFP		ABM
Indian River State College	Fort Pierce	1965	2024	Р		ΑB
Jacksonville University	Jacksonville	1950	2023	Pr, NFP	V	BMD
Keiser University	Ft. Lauderdale	1991	2017	Pr, NFP	VI	ABMD
Lake-Sumter State College	Leesburg	1966	2021	Р		ΑB
Lynn University	Boca Raton	1967	2021	Pr, NFP	V	ABMD
Miami Dade College	Miami	1965	2015	Ρ		ΑB
Miami International University of Art & Design	Miami	1979	2022	Pr, FP	III	ABM
New College of Florida	Sarasota	2004	2019	Ρ		В
North Florida Community College	Madison	1963	2015	Ρ	I	А
Northwest Florida State College	Niceville	1967	2021	Ρ		ΑB
Nova Southeastern University	Fort Lauderdale	1971	2017	Pr, NFP	VI	B M ES D
Palm Beach Atlantic University	West Palm Beach	1972	2018	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Palm Beach State College	Lake Worth	1942	2022	Ρ	II	ΑB
Pasco-Hernando State College	New Port Richey	1974	2020	Ρ	Ш	ΑB
Pensacola State College	Pensacola	1956	2018	Р	II	ΑB
Polk State College	Winter Haven	1967	2021	Ρ	Ш	ΑB
Ringling College of Art and Design	Sarasota	1979	2016	Pr, NFP	II	В
Rollins College	Winter Park	1927	2015	Pr, NFP	V	ABMD
Saint John Vianney College Seminary	Miami	1970	2017	Pr, NFP	II	В
Saint Leo University	Saint Leo	1967	2021	Pr, NFP	V	A B M ES D
Saint Thomas University	Miami Gardens	1968	2023	Pr, NFP	VI	BMD

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Santa Fe College	Gainesville	1968	2023	Ρ	Ш	ΑB
Seminole State College of Florida	Sanford	1969	2024	Р	Ш	ΑB
South Florida State College	Avon Park	1968	2022	Ρ	Ш	ΑB
Southeastern University, Inc.	Lakeland	1986	2021	Pr, NFP	V	ABM
St. Johns River State College	Palatka	1963	2024	Ρ	Ш	ΑB
St. Petersburg College	St. Petersburg	1931	2018	Р	Ш	ΑB
St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary	Boynton Beach	1968	2020	Pr, NFP		Μ
State College of Florida, Manatee–Sarasota	Bradenton	1963	2015	Ρ	Ш	ΑB
Stetson University	DeLand	1932	2022	Pr, NFP	V	B M ES D
Tallahassee Community College	Tallahassee	1969	2015	Р	1	А
University of Central Florida	Orlando	1970	2016	Ρ	VI	A B M ES D
University of Florida	Gainesville	1913	2024	Ρ	VI	A B M ES D
University of Miami	Coral Gables	1940	2018	Pr, NFP	VI	B M ES D
University of North Florida	Jacksonville	1974	2019	Ρ	V	BMD
University of South Florida	Tampa	1965	2015	Ρ	VI	A B M ES D
University of South Florida Sarasota– Manatee (Separate accreditation from the University of South Florida)	Sarasota	2011*	2016	Ρ		A B M
University of South Florida St. Petersburg	St. Petersburg	2006	2021	Ρ		ABM
The University of Tampa	Tampa	1951	2015	Pr, NFP		ABM
The University of West Florida	Pensacola	1969	2015	Ρ	V	ABMD
Valencia College	Orlando	1969	2024	Ρ	Ш	ΑB
Warner University	Lake Wales	1977	2022	Pr, NFP		ABM
Webber International University (Merger of Webber International University and St. Andrews Presbyterian College)	Babson Park	2011*	2016	Pr, NFP		ABM

Georgia

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Tifton	1953	2017	Ρ	Ш	ΑB
Agnes Scott College	Decatur	1907	2024	Pr, NFP	II	В
Albany State University	Albany	1951	2018	Ρ	IV	B M ES
Albany Technical College	Albany	2005	2021	Р	I	А
Andrew College	Cuthbert	1927	2016	Pr, NFP	I	А
Armstrong State University	Savannah	1940	2023	Р	V	ABMD
The Art Institute of Atlanta	Atlanta	1985	2020	Pr, FP	11	ΑB

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Athens Technical College	Athens	1988	2024	Р	I	А
Atlanta Metropolitan State College	Atlanta	1976	2022	Р	П	ΑB
Atlanta Technical College	Atlanta	2005	2020	Р	1	А
Augusta Technical College	Augusta	1988	2024	Р	I	А
Bainbridge State College	Bainbridge	1975	2021	Р	1	А
Bauder College	Atlanta	1985	2020	Pr, FP		ΑB
Berry College	Mount Berry	1957	2018	Pr, NFP	IV	B M ES
Brenau University	Gainesville	1947	2021	Pr, NFP	V	B M ES D
Brewton-Parker College	Mount Vernon	1962	2021	Pr, NFP		ΑB
Central Georgia Technical College (Merger of Central Georgia Technical College and Middle Georgia Technical College)	Warner Robins	2013*	2016	Ρ	I	A
Chattahoochee Technical College	Marietta	2009	2024	Р	I	А
Clark Atlanta University	Atlanta	1990	2016	Pr, NFP	VI	B M ES D
Clayton State University	Morrow	1971	2024	Р		ABM
Coastal Pines Technical College (Merger of Okefenokee Technical College and Altamaha Technical College)	Waycross	2014*	2019	Ρ	I	А
College of Coastal Georgia	Brunswick	1967	2022	Р		ΑB
Columbia Theological Seminary	Decatur	1983	2023	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Columbus State University	Columbus	1963	2016	Р	V	A B M ES D
Columbus Technical College	Columbus	1990	2015	Р	I	А
Covenant College	Lookout Mountain	1971	2017	Pr, NFP		ABM
Dalton State College	Dalton	1969	2023	Р	Ш	ΑB
Darton State College	Albany	1968	2024	Р		ΑB
East Georgia State College	Swainsboro	1975	2021	Р	П	ΑB
Emmanuel College	Franklin Springs	1967	2017	Pr, NFP		ΑB
Emory University	Atlanta	1917	2024	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M ES D
Fort Valley State University	Fort Valley	1951	2020	Р	IV	A B M ES
Georgia College and State University	Milledgeville	1925	2024	Р	V	A B M ES D
Georgia Gwinnett College	Lawrenceville	2009	2024	Р		В
Georgia Highlands College	Rome	1972	2018	Р	Ш	ΑB
Georgia Institute of Technology	Atlanta	1923	2015	Р	VI	BMD
Georgia Military College	Milledgeville	1940	2017	Р	I	А
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	Rome	2008	2023	Р	I	А
Georgia Perimeter College	Decatur	1967	2023	Ρ	I	А
Georgia Piedmont Technical College	Clarkston	1967	2023	Р	I	А
Georgia Regents University (Merger of Georgia Health Sciences University with Augusta State University)	Augusta	2012*	2016	Ρ	VI	A B M D
Georgia Southern University	Statesboro	1935	2015	Р	V	A B M ES D

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Georgia Southwestern State University	Americus	1932	2024	Р	IV	A B M ES
Georgia State University	Atlanta	1952	2018	Р	\vee I	A B M ES D
Gordon State College	Barnesville	1941	2017	Р		ΑB
Gwinnett Technical College	Lawrenceville	1991	2017	Р	1	А
Interdenominational Theological Center	Atlanta	1984	2021	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Kennesaw State University (Merger of Kennesaw State University and Southern Polytechnic State University)	Kennesaw	2014*	2018	Ρ	VI	A B M ES D
LaGrange College	LaGrange	1946	2023	Pr, NFP	IV	A B M ES
Lanier Technical College	Oakwood	2011	2016	Р	1	А
Life University	Marietta	1986	2021	Pr, NFP	V	BMD
Mercer University	Macon	1911	2015	Pr, NFP	VI	B M ES D
Middle Georgia State College (Merger of Macon State College with Middle Georgia College)	Macon	2012*	2016	Ρ	Ш	ΑB
Morehouse College	Atlanta	1932	2019	Pr, NFP		В
Morehouse School of Medicine	Atlanta	1986	2021	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Moultrie Technical College	Moultrie	2013	2018	Р	1	А
North Georgia Technical College	Clarkesville	2008	2023	Р	I	А
Ogeechee Technical College	Statesboro	2014	2019	Р	1	А
Oglethorpe University	Atlanta	1950	2017	Pr, NFP		В
Paine College	Augusta	1944	2021	Pr, NFP		В
Piedmont College	Demorest	1965	2017	Pr, NFP	V	BMD
Point University	West Point	1990	2016	Pr, NFP		ΑB
Reinhardt University	Waleska	1953	2018	Pr, NFP		ABM
The Savannah College of Art and Design	Savannah	2005	2020	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Savannah State University	Savannah	1951	2021	Р		ABM
Savannah Technical College	Savannah	1991	2017	Р	1	А
Shorter University	Rome	1923	2022	Pr, NFP		ΒM
South Georgia State College (Merger of South Georgia College with Waycross College)	Douglas	2012*	2016	Ρ	Ш	ΑB
South Georgia Technical College	Americus	2011	2016	Р	1	А
South University	Savannah	2009	2024	Pr, FP	\vee I	ABMD
Southeastern Technical College	Vidalia	2009	2023	Р	I	А
Southern Crescent Technical College	Griffin	2009	2024	Р	I	А
Southwest Georgia Technical College	Thomasville	1997	2022	Р	I	А
Spelman College	Atlanta	1932	2021	Pr, NFP		В
Thomas University	Thomasville	1984	2016	Pr, NFP		ABM
Toccoa Falls College	Toccoa Falls	1983	2019	Pr, NFP		ΑB
Truett McConnell College	Cleveland	1966	2020	Pr, NFP		ABM
The University of Georgia	Athens	1909	2022	Р	$\forall $	A B M ES D

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University of North Georgia (Merger of North Georgia College and State University with Gainesville State College)	Dahlonega	2012*	2016	Ρ	V	A B M ES D
University of West Georgia	Carrollton	1936	2024	Р	VI	A B M ES D
Valdosta State University	Valdosta	1929	2020	Р	V	A B M ES D
Wesleyan College	Macon	1919	2015	Pr, NFP		ВМ
West Georgia Technical College	Waco	2007	2023	Р	1	А
Wiregrass Georgia Technical College (Merger of Valdosta Technical College and East Central Technical College)	Valdosta	2010*	2015	Ρ	I	А
Young Harris College	Young Harris	1938	2021	Pr, NFP		ΑB

Kentucky

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Alice Lloyd College	Pippa Passes	1952	2018	Pr, NFP		В
Asbury Theological Seminary	Wilmore	1984	2015	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Asbury University	Wilmore	1940	2019	Pr, NFP	IV	B M ES
Ashland Community and Technical College	Ashland	2003	2018	Ρ	I	А
Bellarmine University	Louisville	1956	2018	Pr, NFP	V	ABMD
Berea College	Berea	1926	2016	Pr, NFP	Ш	В
Big Sandy Community and Technical College	Prestonsburg	2003	2018	Ρ	I	А
Bluegrass Community and Technical College	Lexington	2005	2020	Ρ	I	А
Brescia University	Owensboro	1957	2019	Pr, NFP		ABM
Campbellsville University	Campbellsville	1963	2024	Pr, NFP		ABM
Centre College	Danville	1904	2016	Pr, NFP	11	В
Clear Creek Baptist Bible College	Pineville	1999	2015	Pr, NFP	Ш	ΑB
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond	1928	2017	Р	V	A B M ES D
Elizabethtown Community and Technical College	Elizabethtown	2004	2019	Ρ	I	А
Frontier Nursing University	Hyden	2004	2019	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Galen College of Nursing	Louisville	2013	2018	Pr, FP	II	ΑB
Gateway Community and Technical College	Florence	2008	2023	Ρ	I	А
Georgetown College	Georgetown	1919	2022	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Hazard Community and Technical College	Hazard	2002	2017	Ρ	I	А
Henderson Community College	Henderson	1971	2022	Р		А

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Hopkinsville Community College	Hopkinsville	1971	2022	Р	I	А
Jefferson Community and Technical College	Louisville	2005	2020	Ρ	I	А
Kentucky Christian University	Grayson	1984	2020	Pr, NFP		ABM
Kentucky State University	Frankfort	1939	2019	Р		ABM
Kentucky Wesleyan College	Owensboro	1948	2018	Pr, NFP		ΑB
Lindsey Wilson College	Columbia	1951	2023	Pr, NFP	V	ABM
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary	Louisville	1973	2019	Pr, NFP	V	MD
Madisonville Community College	Madisonville	2001	2017	Р	1	А
Maysville Community and Technical College	Maysville	2004	2019	Ρ	I	А
Mid-Continent University**	Mayfield	1987	NA	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Midway College	Midway	1949	2015	Pr, NFP		ABD
Morehead State University	Morehead	1930	2021	Р	V	A B M ES D
Murray State University	Murray	1928	2024	Р	V	A B M ES D
Northern Kentucky University	Highland Heights	1973	2019	Р	V	ABMD
Owensboro Community and Technical College	Owensboro	2003	2016	Ρ	I	А
Somerset Community College	Somerset	2003	2019	Р	1	А
Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College	Bowling Green	2009	2024	Р	I	А
Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College	Cumberland	2001	2017	Р	I	А
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	Louisville	1968	2023	Pr, NFP	V	ABMD
Spalding University	Louisville	1938	2017	Pr, NFP	V	A B M ES D
St. Catharine College	St. Catharine	1957	2018	Pr, NFP		ABM
Sullivan University	Louisville	1979	2015	Pr, FP	V	ABMD
Thomas More College	Crestview Hills	1959	2020	Pr, NFP		ABM
Transylvania University	Lexington	1915	2022	Pr, NFP		В
Union College	Barbourville	1932	2015	Pr, NFP	IV	A B M ES
University of Kentucky	Lexington	1915	2023	Р	VI	A B M ES D
University of Louisville	Louisville	1915	2017	Р	VI	A B M ES D
University of Pikeville	Pikeville	1931	2022	Pr, NFP	V	ABMD
University of the Cumberlands	Williamsburg	1964	2016	Pr, NFP	V	ABMD
West Kentucky Community and Technical College	Paducah	2003	2018	Ρ	I	А
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green	1926	2015	Ρ	V	A B M ES D

Louisiana

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Baton Rouge Community College	Baton Rouge	2004	2019	Ρ	I	А
Bossier Parish Community College	Bossier City	1983	2018	Ρ	I	А
Centenary College of Louisiana	Shreveport	1925	2018	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Delgado Community College (Merger of Delgado Community College and Louisiana Technical College)	New Orleans	2011*	2016	Ρ	I	А
Dillard University	New Orleans	1938	2020	Pr, NFP		В
Elaine P. Nunez Community College	Chalmette	1992	2017	Р	I	А
Grambling State University	Grambling	1949	2020	Р	V	A B M ES D
L. E. Fletcher Technical Community College	Schriever	2009	2024	Ρ	I	А
Louisiana College	Pineville	1923	2021	Pr, NFP		ABM
Louisiana Delta Community College (Merger of Louisiana Delta Community College with Northeast Louisiana Technical College)	Monroe	2013*	2016	Ρ	I	A
Louisiana State University and A&M College	Baton Rouge	1913	2024	Ρ	VI	B M ES D
Louisiana State University at Alexandria	Alexandria	1960	2015	Р		ΑB
Louisiana State University at Eunice	Eunice	1967	2024	Ρ	I	А
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center	New Orleans	1931	2015	Ρ	VI	ABMD
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport	Shreveport	2009	2024	Ρ	VI	ВMD
Louisiana State University in Shreveport	Shreveport	1975	2015	Р	V	B M ES
Louisiana Tech University	Ruston	1927	2015	Р	VI	A B M ES D
Loyola University New Orleans	New Orleans	1929	2016	Pr, NFP	V	BMD
LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center	Baton Rouge	2009	2024	Р	V	D
McNeese State University	Lake Charles	1954	2017	Р	IV	A B M ES
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary	New Orleans	1965	2016	Pr, NFP	VI	ABMD
Nicholls State University	Thibodaux	1964	2016	Р	IV	A B M ES
Northwestern State University of Louisiana	Natchitoches	1941	2017	Ρ	V	A B M ES
Notre Dame Seminary	New Orleans	1951	2017	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Our Lady of Holy Cross College	New Orleans	1972	2017	Pr, NFP	V	ABMD
Our Lady of the Lake College	Baton Rouge	1994	2019	Pr, NFP		ABM
River Parishes Community College	Gonzales	2004	2019	Ρ	I	А
Saint Joseph Seminary College	St. Benedict	1956	2023	Pr, NFP		В

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South Louisiana Community College (Merger of South Louisiana Community College with Acadiana Technical College)	Lafayette	2013*	2018	Ρ	I	A
Southeastern Louisiana University	Hammond	1946	2015	Р	V	A B M ES D
Southern University and A&M College at Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	1938	2020	Ρ	V	A B M ES D
Southern University at New Orleans	New Orleans	1970	2020	Р		ABM
Southern University at Shreveport	Shreveport	1975	2021	Р	1	А
Sowela Technical Community College	Lake Charles	2014	2019	Р	1	А
Tulane University	New Orleans	1903	2022	Pr, NFP	VI	BMD
The University of Louisiana at Lafayette	Lafayette	1925	2020	Р	VI	ABMD
The University of Louisiana at Monroe	Monroe	1955	2019	Р	VI	A B M ES D
University of New Orleans	New Orleans	1958	2015	Р	VI	ABMD
Xavier University of Louisiana	New Orleans	1938	2021	Pr, NFP	V	BMD

Mississippi

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Alcorn State University	Lorman	1948	2021	Р	IV	A B M ES
Belhaven University	Jackson	1946	2017	Pr, NFP		ABM
Blue Mountain College	Blue Mountain	1927	2015	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Coahoma Community College	Clarksdale	1975	2021	Р		А
Copiah-Lincoln Community College	Wesson	1936	2015	Р		А
Delta State University	Cleveland	1930	2024	Р	V	ABMD
East Central Community College	Decatur	1939	2022	Р		А
East Mississippi Community College	Scooba	1949	2017	Р		А
Hinds Community College	Raymond	1928	2017	Р		А
Holmes Community College	Goodman	1934	2016	Р		А
Itawamba Community College	Fulton	1955	2018	Р		А
Jackson State University	Jackson	1948	2021	Р	VI	B M ES D
Jones County Junior College	Ellisville	1940	2018	Р		А
Meridian Community College	Meridian	1942	2022	Р		А
Millsaps College	Jackson	1912	2022	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Mississippi College	Clinton	1922	2022	Pr, NFP	V	B M ES D
Mississippi Delta Community College	Moorhead	1930	2018	Р	1	А
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	Perkinston	1929	2020	Р	I	А
Mississippi State University	Mississippi State	1926	2024	Ρ	VI	B M ES D

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Mississippi University for Women	Columbus	1921	2024	Р	V	ABMD
Mississippi Valley State University	Itta Bena	1968	2022	Р		ΒM
Northeast Mississippi Community College	Booneville	1956	2021	Ρ	I	А
Northwest Mississippi Community College	Senatobia	1953	2017	Ρ	I	А
Pearl River Community College	Poplarville	1929	2016	Р	- 1	А
Reformed Theological Seminary	Jackson	1977	2022	Pr, NFP	V	MD
Rust College	Holly Springs	1970	2024	Pr, NFP		ΑB
Southwest Mississippi Community College	Summit	1958	2020	Ρ	I	А
Tougaloo College	Tougaloo	1953	2019	Pr, NFP		ΑB
University of Mississippi	University	1895	2019	Р	VI	B M ES D
University of Mississippi Medical Center	Jackson	1991	2021	Р	VI	BMD
The University of Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg	1929	2016	Р	VI	B M ES D
William Carey University	Hattiesburg	1958	2019	Pr, NFP	V	B M ES D

North Carolina

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Alamance Community College	Graham	1969	2024	Р	I	А
Appalachian State University	Boone	1942	2023	Ρ	V	B M ES D
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College	Asheville	1969	2024	Ρ	I	А
Barton College	Wilson	1955	2019	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Beaufort County Community College	Washington	1973	2019	Р	I	А
Belmont Abbey College	Belmont	1957	2020	Pr, NFP	11	В
Bennett College for Women	Greensboro	1935	2019	Pr, NFP	11	В
Bladen Community College	Dublin	1976	2023	Р	1	А
Blue Ridge Community College	Flat Rock	1973	2019	Р	1	А
Brevard College	Brevard	1949	2021	Pr, NFP	II	ΑB
Brunswick Community College	Supply	1983	2019	Р	1	А
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences	Concord	1995	2020	Pr, NFP		ABM
Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute	Hudson	1969	2017	Ρ	I	А
Campbell University	Buies Creek	1941	2021	Pr, NFP	VI	BMD
Cape Fear Community College	Wilmington	1971	2017	Р	I	А
Carolinas College of Health Sciences	Charlotte	1995	2020	Р	1	А
Carteret Community College	Morehead City	1974	2020	Р	I	А
Catawba College	Salisbury	1928	2015	Pr, NFP		ΒM

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Catawba Valley Community College	Hickory	1969	2015	Р	I	А
Central Carolina Community College	Sanford	1972	2018	Р	-	А
Central Piedmont Community College	Charlotte	1969	2024	Р	I	А
Chowan University	Murfreesboro	1956	2019	Pr, NFP		ABM
Cleveland Community College	Shelby	1975	2022	Р	I	А
Coastal Carolina Community College	Jacksonville	1972	2018	Р	1	А
College of The Albemarle	Elizabeth City	1968	2024	Р	1	А
Craven Community College	New Bern	1971	2017	Р		А
Davidson College	Davidson	1917	2017	Pr, NFP	11	В
Davidson County Community College	Lexington	1968	2023	Р		А
Duke University	Durham	1895	2019	Pr, NFP	VI	ABMD
Durham Technical Community College	Durham	1971	2017	Р	1	А
East Carolina University	Greenville	1927	2023	Р	VI	B M ES D
Edgecombe Community College	Tarboro	1973	2019	Р	I	А
Elizabeth City State University	Elizabeth City	1947	2021	Р		ΒM
Elon University	Elon	1947	2023	Pr, NFP	V	BMD
Fayetteville State University	Fayetteville	1947	2021	Р	V	ABMD
Fayetteville Technical Community College	Fayetteville	1967	2021	Ρ	I	А
Forsyth Technical Community College	Winston-Salem	1968	2023	Р	1	А
Gardner-Webb University	Boiling Springs	1948	2017	Pr, NFP	V	ABMD
Gaston College	Dallas	1967	2022	Р	1	А
Greensboro College	Greensboro	1926	2016	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Guilford College	Greensboro	1926	2017	Pr, NFP	11	ΑB
Guilford Technical Community College	Jamestown	1969	2015	Р	1	А
Halifax Community College	Weldon	1975	2021	Р	I	А
Haywood Community College	Clyde	1973	2019	Р	I	А
High Point University	High Point	1951	2016	Pr, NFP	V	BMD
Isothermal Community College	Spindale	1970	2016	Р	1	А
James Sprunt Community College	Kenansville	1973	2019	Р	1	А
Johnson C. Smith University	Charlotte	1933	2017	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Johnston Community College	Smithfield	1977	2023	Р	1	А
Lees-McRae College	Banner Elk	1953	2015	Pr, NFP	II	ΑB
Lenoir Community College	Kinston	1968	2024	Р	1	А
Lenoir-Rhyne University (Merger of Lenoir-Rhyne University with Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary)	Hickory	2013*	2018	Pr, NFP	111	ВM
Livingstone College	Salisbury	1944	2021	Pr, NFP	Ш	В
Louisburg College	Louisburg	1952	2016	Pr, NFP	1	А
Mars Hill University	Mars Hill	1926	2021	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Martin Community College	Williamston	1972	2019	Р	I	А

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Mayland Community College	Spruce Pine	1978	2015	Ρ	1	А
McDowell Technical Community College	Marion	1975	2021	Р	1	А
Meredith College	Raleigh	1921	2020	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Methodist University	Fayetteville	1966	2019	Pr, NFP		ABM
Mid-Atlantic Christian University	Elizabeth City	1999	2015	Pr, NFP	Ш	ΑB
Mitchell Community College	Statesville	1955	2018	Р	1	А
Montgomery Community College	Troy	1978	2024	Р	1	А
Montreat College	Montreat	1960	2020	Pr, NFP		ABM
Nash Community College	Rocky Mount	1976	2021	Р		А
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University	Greensboro	1936	2020	Ρ	VI	ВMD
North Carolina Central University	Durham	1938	2019	Р	V	ВMD
North Carolina State University	Raleigh	1928	2024	Р	VI	ABMD
North Carolina Wesleyan College	Rocky Mount	1966	2020	Pr, NFP		В
Pamlico Community College	Grantsboro	1977	2023	Р	1	А
Pfeiffer University	Misenheimer	1942	2022	Pr, NFP		ВM
Piedmont Community College	Roxboro	1977	2023	Р		А
Pitt Community College	Winterville	1969	2023	Р	1	А
Queens University of Charlotte	Charlotte	1932	2021	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Randolph Community College	Asheboro	1974	2020	Р	1	А
Richmond Community College	Hamlet	1969	2024	Р		А
Roanoke-Chowan Community College	Ahoskie	1976	2022	Р	1	A
Robeson Community College	Lumberton	1975	2020	Р		А
Rockingham Community College	Wentworth	1968	2024	Р	1	A
Rowan-Cabarrus Community College	Salisbury	1970	2016	Р	1	А
Saint Augustine's University	Raleigh	1942	2021	Pr, NFP	11	В
Salem College	Winston-Salem	1922	2020	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Sampson Community College	Clinton	1977	2024	Р	1	А
Sandhills Community College	Pinehurst	1968	2024	Р		А
Shaw University	Raleigh	1943	2022	Pr, NFP		ABM
South Piedmont Community College	Polkton	1977	2023	Р		А
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary	Wake Forest	1978	2022	Pr, NFP	V	ABMD
Southeastern Community College	Whiteville	1967	2022	Р	-	А
Southwestern Community College	Sylva	1971	2017	Р	I	А
Stanly Community College	Albemarle	1979	2015	Р	-	А
Surry Community College	Dobson	1969	2024	Ρ	I	А
Tri-County Community College	Murphy	1975	2020	Р	1	А
University of Mount Olive <i>(formerly Mount Olive College)</i>	Mount Olive	1960	2021	Pr, NFP		ABM
The University of North Carolina at Asheville	Asheville	1958	2022	Ρ		ΒM

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The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Chapel Hill	1895	2016	Ρ	VI	B M ES D
The University of North Carolina at Charlotte	Charlotte	1957	2023	Ρ	VI	B M ES D
The University of North Carolina at Greensboro	Greensboro	1921	2024	Ρ	VI	B M ES D
University of North Carolina at Pembroke	Pembroke	1951	2020	Р		ΒM
The University of North Carolina at Wilmington	Wilmington	1952	2023	Ρ	V	ВMD
University of North Carolina School of the Arts	Winston-Salem	1970	2016	Ρ		ΒM
Vance Granville Community College	Henderson	1977	2023	Р	1	А
Wake Forest University	Winston-Salem	1921	2016	Pr, NFP	VI	BMD
Wake Technical Community College	Raleigh	1970	2015	Р	1	А
Warren Wilson College	Asheville	1952	2015	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Wayne Community College	Goldsboro	1970	2016	Р	1	А
Western Carolina University	Cullowhee	1946	2017	Р	V	B M ES D
Western Piedmont Community College	Morganton	1968	2024	Р	1	А
Wilkes Community College	Wilkesboro	1970	2016	Р	- 1	А
William Peace University	Raleigh	1947	2022	Pr, NFP	Ш	В
Wilson Community College	Wilson	1969	2015	Р		А
Wingate University	Wingate	1951	2016	Pr, NFP	V	ABMD
Winston-Salem State University	Winston-Salem	1947	2020	Р	V	BMD

South Carolina

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Aiken Technical College	Aiken	1975	2021	Ρ	I	А
Allen University	Columbia	1992	2017	Pr, NFP	Ш	В
Anderson University	Anderson	1959	2018	Pr, NFP	V	ABMD
Benedict College	Columbia	1946	2021	Pr, NFP	II	В
Central Carolina Technical College	Sumter	1970	2016	Р		А
Charleston Southern University	Charleston	1970	2016	Pr, NFP		ABM
The Citadel	Charleston	1924	2024	Р	IV	B M ES
Claflin University	Orangeburg	1947	2021	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Clemson University	Clemson	1927	2023	Р	VI	B M ES D
Coastal Carolina University	Conway	1976	2022	Р	V	ABMD
Coker College	Hartsville	1923	2015	Pr, NFP		ΒM
College of Charleston	Charleston	1916	2017	Р		ΒM
Columbia College	Columbia	1938	2022	Pr, NFP		ВМ

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Columbia International University	Columbia	1982	2018	Pr, NFP	\vee	ABMD
Converse College	Spartanburg	1912	2017	Pr, NFP	IV	B M ES
Denmark Technical College	Denmark	1979	2015	Р	1	А
Erskine College	Due West	1925	2022	Pr, NFP	V	ABMD
Florence-Darlington Technical College	Florence	1970	2016	Р	I	А
Francis Marion University	Florence	1972	2018	Р	IV	A B M ES
Furman University	Greenville	1924	2018	Pr, NFP	IV	B M ES
Greenville Technical College	Greenville	1968	2023	Р	1	А
Horry-Georgetown Technical College	Conway	1972	2019	Р	1	А
Lander University	Greenwood	1952	2017	Р		ΒM
Limestone College	Gaffney	1928	2019	Pr, NFP		ABM
Medical University of South Carolina	Charleston	1971	2017	Р	VI	BMD
Midlands Technical College	Columbia	1974	2020	Р	1	А
Morris College	Sumter	1978	2022	Pr, NFP		В
Newberry College	Newberry	1936	2022	Pr, NFP		В
North Greenville University	Tigerville	1957	2020	Pr, NFP	V	ABMD
Northeastern Technical College	Cheraw	1973	2018	Р	1	А
Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College	Orangeburg	1970	2016	Р		А
Piedmont Technical College	Greenwood	1972	2018	Р	1	А
Presbyterian College	Clinton	1949	2017	Pr, NFP	V	ВD
Sherman College of Chiropractic	Spartanburg	2002	2017	Pr, NFP	V	D
South Carolina State University	Orangeburg	1941	2020	Р	V	B M ES D
Southern Wesleyan University	Central	1973	2019	Pr, NFP		ABM
Spartanburg Community College	Spartanburg	1970	2016	Р	I	А
Spartanburg Methodist College	Spartanburg	1957	2019	Pr, NFP	1	А
Technical College of the Lowcountry	Beaufort	1978	2024	Р	I	А
Tri-County Technical College	Pendleton	1971	2017	Р	1	А
Trident Technical College	North Charleston	1974	2021	Ρ	I	А
University of South Carolina—Aiken	Aiken	1977	2021	Р		ABM
University of South Carolina—Columbia	Columbia	1917	2021	Р	VI	A B M ES D
University of South Carolina Beaufort	Bluffton	2004	2019	Р		ΑB
University of South Carolina Upstate	Spartanburg	1976	2022	Р		ABM
Voorhees College	Denmark	1946	2022	Pr, NFP		ΑB
Williamsburg Technical College	Kingstree	1977	2022	Р	I	А
Winthrop University	Rock Hill	1923	2021	Р	IV	B M ES
Wofford College	Spartanburg	1917	2017	Pr, NFP		В
York Technical College	Rock Hill	1970	2016	Р		А

Tennessee

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Aquinas College	Nashville	1971	2021	Pr, NFP		ABM
Austin Peay State University	Clarksville	1947	2024	Ρ	IV	A B M ES
Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences	Memphis	1999	2015	Pr, NFP	Ш	ΑB
Belmont University	Nashville	1959	2021	Pr, NFP	\vee I	ABMD
Bethel University	McKenzie	1952	2018	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Bryan College	Dayton	1969	2024	Pr, NFP		ABM
Carson-Newman University	Jefferson City	1921	2023	Pr, NFP	V	B M ES D
Chattanooga State Community College	Chattanooga	1967	2021	Р	1	А
Christian Brothers University	Memphis	1958	2020	Pr, NFP		ABM
Cleveland State Community College	Cleveland	1969	2024	Р		А
Columbia State Community College	Columbia	1968	2023	Р	I	А
Cumberland University	Lebanon	1962	2020	Pr, NFP		ABM
Dyersburg State Community College	Dyersburg	1971	2018	Р	I	А
East Tennessee State University	Johnson City	1927	2023	Р	\vee	A B M ES D
Emmanuel Christian Seminary	Johnson City	1986	2016	Pr, NFP	V	МD
Fisk University	Nashville	1930	2019	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Freed-Hardeman University	Henderson	1956	2021	Pr, NFP	V	B M ES
Jackson State Community College	Jackson	1969	2016	Р		А
John A. Gupton College	Nashville	1971	2016	Pr, NFP	I	А
Johnson University (Merger of Johnson University with Florida Christian College)	Knoxville	2013*	2016	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
King University	Bristol	1947	2018	Pr, NFP	V	ΒM
Lane College	Jackson	1949	2023	Pr, NFP		В
Lee University	Cleveland	1960	2015	Pr, NFP	IV	B M ES
LeMoyne-Owen College	Memphis	1939	2023	Pr, NFP		В
Lincoln Memorial University	Harrogate	1936	2019	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M ES D
Lipscomb University	Nashville	1954	2017	Pr, NFP	V	BMD
Martin Methodist College	Pulaski	1952	2019	Pr, NFP		ΑB
Maryville College	Maryville	1922	2024	Pr, NFP		В
Meharry Medical College	Nashville	1972	2017	Pr, NFP	V	MD
Memphis College of Art	Memphis	1963	2022	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Memphis Theological Seminary	Memphis	1988	2018	Pr, NFP	V	MD
Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary	Cordova	1981	2016	Pr, NFP	V	ABMD
Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia	Madison	1994	2019	Pr, NFP	V	MD
Middle Tennessee State University	Murfreesboro	1928	2016	Р	VI	A B M ES D
Milligan College	Milligan College	1960	2022	Pr, NFP		ABM

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Motlow State Community College	Lynchburg	1971	2018	Р	I	А
Nashville State Community College	Nashville	1972	2018	Р	I	А
Northeast State Community College	Blountville	1984	2021	Р	I	А
Pellissippi State Community College	Knoxville	1977	2022	Р	I	А
Pentecostal Theological Seminary	Cleveland	1984	2019	Pr, NFP	V	CMD
Rhodes College	Memphis	1911	2019	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Richmont Graduate University	Chattanooga	2003	2018	Pr, NFP		Μ
Roane State Community College	Harriman	1974	2020	Р	I	А
South College	Knoxville	2000	2015	Pr, FP	V	A B M ED
Southern Adventist University	Collegedale	1950	2022	Pr, NFP	V	ABMD
Southern College of Optometry	Memphis	1967	2022	Pr, NFP	V	D
Southwest Tennessee Community College	Memphis	2000	2015	Ρ	I	А
Tennessee State University	Nashville	1946	2020	Р	VI	A B M ES D
Tennessee Technological University	Cookeville	1939	2016	Р	V	A B M ES D
Tennessee Wesleyan College	Athens	1926	2020	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Trevecca Nazarene University	Nashville	1969	2023	Pr, NFP	V	ABMD
Tusculum College	Greeneville	1926	2020	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Union University	Jackson	1948	2017	Pr, NFP	VI	ABMD
The University of Memphis	Memphis	1927	2015	Р	VI	B M ES D
University of the South	Sewanee	1895	2016	Pr, NFP	V	BMD
The University of Tennessee	Knoxville	2000	2015	Р	VI	B M ES D
The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga	Chattanooga	1910	2021	Ρ	VI	B M ES D
The University of Tennessee at Martin	Martin	1951	2023	Р		ABM
Vanderbilt University	Nashville	1895	2017	Pr, NFP	VI	B M ES D
Victory University**	Memphis	1986	NA	Pr, FP		ΒM
Volunteer State Community College	Gallatin	1973	2020	Р	I	А
Walters State Community College	Morristown	1972	2018	Р	1	А
Watkins College of Art, Design & Film	Nashville	2010	2015	Pr, NFP	П	ΑB
Welch College	Nashville	1996	2021	Pr, NFP	Ш	ΑB

Texas

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Abilene Christian University	Abilene	1971	2022	Pr, NFP	V	ABMD
Academy of Oriental Medicine at Austin	Austin	2009	2024	Pr, FP	V	MD
Alvin Community College	Alvin	1959	2021	Ρ	I	А
Amarillo College	Amarillo	1933	2023	Р		А

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Amberton University	Garland	1981	2017	Pr, NFP		ΒM
American College of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine	Houston	2012	2017	Pr, FP		Μ
Angelina College	Lufkin	1970	2016	Ρ	I	А
Angelo State University	San Angelo	1936	2023	Р	V	ABMD
The Art Institute of Houston	Houston	2000	2015	Pr, FP	11	ΑB
Austin College	Sherman	1947	2019	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Austin Community College	Austin	1978	2023	Р	I	А
Austin Graduate School of Theology	Austin	1987	2022	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary	Austin	1973	2019	Pr, NFP	V	MD
Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary	Jacksonville	1986	2021	Pr, NFP		ABM
Baylor College of Medicine	Houston	1970	2016	Pr, NFP	V	MD
Baylor University	Waco	1914	2017	Pr, NFP	VI	BMD
Blinn College	Brenham	1950	2015	Р	I	А
Brazosport College	Lake Jackson	1970	2016	Р	Ш	ΑB
Brite Divinity School	Fort Worth	2007	2021	Pr, NFP	V	D
Brookhaven College	Dallas	1979	2023	Р	I	А
Cedar Valley College	Lancaster	1979	2023	Р	1	А
Central Texas College	Killeen	1969	2015	Р	1	А
Cisco College	Cisco	1958	2020	Ρ	1	А
Clarendon College	Clarendon	1970	2016	Р	1	А
Coastal Bend College	Beeville	1969	2024	Ρ	1	А
College of Biblical Studies-Houston	Houston	2013	2018	Pr, NFP	II	ΑB
The College of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More**	Irving	1994	NA	Pr, NFP	II	В
College of the Mainland	Texas City	1969	2023	Р	1	А
Collin County Community College District	McKinney	1989	2015	Р	I	А
Concordia University Texas	Austin	1968	2018	Pr, NFP		ABM
Criswell College	Dallas	1985	2020	Pr, NFP		ABM
Dallas Baptist University	Dallas	1959	2018	Pr, NFP	\vee	ABMD
Dallas Theological Seminary	Dallas	1969	2024	Pr, NFP	V	MD
Del Mar College	Corpus Christi	1946	2021	Р	1	А
East Texas Baptist University	Marshall	1957	2019	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Eastfield College	Mesquite	1972	2023	Р	I	А
El Centro College	Dallas	1968	2023	Р	I	А
El Paso County Community College District	El Paso	1978	2023	Ρ	I	А
Frank Phillips College	Borger	1958	2020	Р	I	А
Galveston College	Galveston	1969	2015	Р		А
Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics	Dallas	2005	2020	Pr, NFP		ВМ

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Grayson College	Denison	1967	2022	Р	1	А
Hardin-Simmons University	Abilene	1927	2017	Pr, NFP	V	ABMD
Hill College	Hillsboro	1966	2021	Р		А
Houston Baptist University	Houston	1968	2021	Pr, NFP		ABM
Houston Community College	Houston	1977	2022	Р		А
Howard College	Big Spring	1955	2017	Р		А
Howard Payne University	Brownwood	1948	2024	Pr, NFP		ABM
Huston-Tillotson University	Austin	1943	2021	Pr, NFP	11	ΑB
Jacksonville College	Jacksonville	1974	2020	Pr, NFP		А
Jarvis Christian College	Hawkins	1967	2015	Pr, NFP	11	ΑB
Kilgore College	Kilgore	1939	2019	Р		А
Lamar Institute of Technology	Beaumont	2000	2015	Р		А
Lamar State College—Orange	Orange	1989	2015	Р		А
Lamar State College—Port Arthur	Port Arthur	1988	2023	Р	1	А
Lamar University	Beaumont	1955	2019	Р	VI	ABMD
Laredo Community College	Laredo	1957	2020	Р	1	А
Lee College	Baytown	1948	2016	Р		А
LeTourneau University	Longview	1970	2016	Pr, NFP		ABM
Lone Star College System	The Woodlands	1976	2022	Р		А
Lubbock Christian University	Lubbock	1963	2018	Pr, NFP		ABM
McLennan Community College	Waco	1968	2022	Р		А
McMurry University	Abilene	1949	2019	Pr, NFP		ABM
Midland College	Midland	1975	2021	Р		ΑB
Midwestern State University	Wichita Falls	1950	2023	Р		ABM
Mountain View College	Dallas	1972	2023	Р		А
Navarro College	Corsicana	1954	2016	Р	1	А
North Central Texas College	Gainesville	1961	2022	Р		А
North Lake College	Irving	1979	2023	Р	1	А
Northeast Texas Community College	Mt. Pleasant	1987	2023	Р		А
Northwest Vista College	San Antonio	2001	2016	Р		А
Oblate School of Theology	San Antonio	1968	2019	Pr, NFP	V	МD
Odessa College	Odessa	1952	2022	P	I	А
Our Lady of the Lake University	San Antonio	1923	2022	Pr, NFP	V	BMD
Palo Alto College	San Antonio	1987	2022	Р	I	А
Panola College	Carthage	1960	2020	Р		А
Paris Junior College	Paris	1934	2023	Р	I	А
Parker University	Dallas	1987	2022	Pr, NFP	\vee	ABMD
Prairie View A&M University	Prairie View	1934	2020	P	VI	ВMD
Ranger College	Ranger	1968	2023	Р	1	А
Richland College	Dallas	1974	2023	P		А

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Saint Philip's College	San Antonio	1951	2016	Р	I	А
Sam Houston State University	Huntsville	1925	2019	Р	V	BMD
San Antonio College	San Antonio	1952	2016	Р	1	А
The San Jacinto College District	Pasadena	1966	2019	Р	I	А
Schreiner University	Kerrville	1934	2019	Pr, NFP		ABM
Seminary of the Southwest	Austin	1983	2024	Pr, NFP		Μ
South Plains College	Levelland	1963	2024	Р	1	А
South Texas College	McAllen	1995	2021	Р		ΑB
Southern Methodist University	Dallas	1921	2021	Pr, NFP	VI	BMD
Southwest Texas Junior College	Uvalde	1964	2016	Р	I	А
Southwestern Adventist University	Keene	1958	2016	Pr, NFP		ABM
Southwestern Assemblies of God University	Waxahachie	1968	2022	Pr, NFP	V	ABM
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	Fort Worth	1969	2021	Pr, NFP	VI	BMD
Southwestern Christian College	Terrell	1973	2019	Pr, NFP		ΑB
Southwestern University	Georgetown	1915	2023	Pr, NFP		В
St. Edward's University	Austin	1958	2017	Pr, NFP		ВM
St. Mary's University	San Antonio	1949	2024	Pr, NFP	V	BMD
Stephen F. Austin State University	Nacogdoches	1927	2021	Р	VI	BMD
Sul Ross State University	Alpine	1929	2018	Р		ABM
Tarleton State University	Stephenville	1926	2020	Р	V	ABMD
Tarrant County College District	Fort Worth	1969	2024	Р	I	А
Temple College	Temple	1959	2021	Р	I	А
Texarkana College	Texarkana	1931	2016	Р	1	А
Texas A&M International University	Laredo	1970	2015	Р	V	ABMD
Texas A&M University (Merger of Texas A&M University and Texas A&M Health Science Center)	College Station	2013*	2018	Ρ	VI	BMD
Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi	1975	2020	Ρ	VI	ABMD
Texas A&M University—Kingsville	Kingsville	1933	2015	Р	VI	BMD
Texas A&M University—Central Texas (Separately accredited from Tarleton State University)	Killeen	2013*	2018	Ρ	IV	B M ES
Texas A&M University—Commerce	Commerce	1925	2024	Р	V	BMD
Texas A&M University—San Antonio (Formerly accredited as part of Texas A&M University Kingsville)	San Antonio	2014*	2019	Ρ		ВM
Texas A&M University—Texarkana	Texarkana	1979	2016	Р	V	BMD
Texas Chiropractic College	Pasadena	1984	2019	Pr, NFP	V	ΒD
Texas Christian University	Fort Worth	1922	2023	Pr, NFP	VI	BMD
Texas College	Tyler	2001	2016	Pr, NFP	11	ΑB
Texas Lutheran University	Seguin	1940	2018	Pr, NFP		ABM

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Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
The University of Texas of the Permian Basin	Odessa	1975	2020	Ρ		ΒM
The University of Texas–Pan American	Edinburg	1956	2017	Р	V	ABMD
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	Dallas	1973	2019	Ρ	VI	BMD
University of the Incarnate Word	San Antonio	1925	2015	Pr, NFP	VI	BMD
Vernon College	Vernon	1974	2019	Р	1	А
Victoria College	Victoria	1951	2024	Р	1	А
Wade College	Dallas	1985	2020	Pr, FP	11	ΑB
Wayland Baptist University	Plainview	1956	2018	Pr, NFP		ABM
Weatherford College	Weatherford	1956	2022	Р	1	А
West Texas A&M University	Canyon	1925	2016	Р	V	BMD
Western Texas College	Snyder	1973	2018	Р	1	А
Wharton County Junior College	Wharton	1951	2019	Р	1	А
Wiley College	Marshall	1933	2023	Pr, NFP	11	ΑB
William Marsh Rice University	Houston	1914	2016	Pr, NFP	VI	BMD

Virginia

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Appalachian College of Pharmacy	Oakwood	2011	2016	Pr, NFP	V	D
Averett University	Danville	1928	2017	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Blue Ridge Community College	Weyers Cave	1969	2015	Ρ	1	А
Bluefield College	Bluefield	1949	2023	Pr, NFP		ABM
Bridgewater College	Bridgewater	1925	2022	Pr, NFP	11	В
Central Virginia Community College	Lynchburg	1969	2015	Р		А
Christendom College	Front Royal	1996	2022	Pr, NFP		ABM
Christopher Newport University	Newport News	1971	2017	Р		ΒM
The College of William & Mary	Williamsburg	1921	2016	Ρ	VI	ABMD
Dabney S. Lancaster Community College	Clifton Forge	1969	2024	Р		А
Danville Community College	Danville	1970	2016	Р	1	А
Eastern Mennonite University	Harrisonburg	1959	2020	Pr, NFP		ABM
Eastern Shore Community College	Melfa	1973	2019	Р		А
Eastern Virginia Medical School	Norfolk	1984	2019	Pr, NFP	V	MD
ECPI University	Virginia Beach	1998	2023	Pr, FP		ABM
Emory & Henry College	Emory	1925	2017	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Ferrum College	Ferrum	1960	2021	Pr, NFP	11	ΑB
George Mason University	Fairfax	1972	2021	Ρ	VI	BMD
Germanna Community College	Locust Grove	1972	2018	Р		А

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Hampden-Sydney College	Hampden- Sydney	1919	2017	Pr, NFP	II	В
Hampton University	Hampton	1932	2018	Pr, NFP	VI	ВMD
Hollins University	Roanoke	1932	2017	Pr, NFP		ΒM
The Institute for the Psychological Sciences	Arlington	2005	2020	Pr, NFP	V	D
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College	Richmond	1974	2020	Р	I	А
James Madison University	Harrisonburg	1927	2023	Р	VI	B M ES D
Jefferson College of Health Sciences	Roanoke	1986	2020	Pr, NFP		ABM
John Tyler Community College	Chester	1969	2023	Р	I	А
Liberty University, Inc.	Lynchburg	1980	2016	Pr, NFP	\vee I	A B M ES D
Longwood University	Farmville	1927	2024	Р		ΒM
Lord Fairfax Community College	Middletown	1972	2018	Р	1	А
Lynchburg College	Lynchburg	1927	2024	Pr, NFP	V	ВMD
Marine Corps University	Quantico	1999	2015	Р		Μ
Mary Baldwin College	Staunton	1931	2017	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Marymount University	Arlington	1958	2018	Pr, NFP	V	ABMD
Mountain Empire Community College	Big Stone Gap	1974	2020	Р	I	А
New River Community College	Dublin	1972	2018	Р	1	А
Norfolk State University	Norfolk	1969	2018	Р	V	ABMD
Northern Virginia Community College	Annandale	1968	2022	Р	1	А
Old Dominion University	Norfolk	1961	2022	Р	VI	B M ES D
Patrick Henry Community College	Martinsville	1972	2018	Р	1	А
Paul D. Camp Community College	Franklin	1973	2019	Р	I	А
Piedmont Virginia Community College	Charlottesville	1974	2020	Р	1	А
Radford University	Radford	1928	2022	Р	V	B M ES D
Randolph College	Lynchburg	1902	2021	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Randolph-Macon College	Ashland	1904	2018	Pr, NFP		В
Rappahannock Community College	Glenns	1973	2019	Р	1	А
Regent University	Virginia Beach	1984	2019	Pr, NFP	VI	ABMD
Richard Bland College	Petersburg	1961	2019	Р	1	А
Roanoke College	Salem	1927	2022	Pr, NFP		В
Shenandoah University	Winchester	1973	2019	Pr, NFP	VI	ABMD
Southern Virginia University	Buena Vista	2012	2017	Pr, NFP		В
Southside Virginia Community College	Alberta	1972	2018	Р	I	А
Southwest Virginia Community College	Cedar Bluff	1970	2016	Р	I	А
Sweet Briar College	Sweet Briar	1920	2021	Pr, NFP		ΒM
Thomas Nelson Community College	Hampton	1970	2016	P	I	А
Tidewater Community College	Norfolk	1971	2017	Р	1	А
Union Presbyterian Seminary	Richmond	1997	2022	Pr, NFP	V	MD
University of Mary Washington	Fredericksburg	1930	2023	P		ΒM

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
University of Richmond	Richmond	1910	2018	Pr, NFP	V	ABMD
University of Virginia	Charlottesville	1904	2017	Р	VI	B M ES D
The University of Virginia's College at Wise	Wise	1970	2016	Ρ	Ш	В
Virginia Commonwealth University	Richmond	1953	2024	Р	VI	ABMD
Virginia Highlands Community College	Abingdon	1972	2018	Р	1	A
Virginia Intermont College**	Bristol	1925	NA	Pr, NFP	Ш	ΑB
Virginia Military Institute	Lexington	1926	2017	Ρ	11	В
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Blacksburg	1923	2019	Ρ	VI	A B M D
Virginia State University	Petersburg	1933	2018	Ρ	V	BMD
Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine	Roanoke	2014	2019	Pr, NFP	V	D
Virginia Union University	Richmond	1935	2020	Pr, NFP	V	BMD
Virginia Wesleyan College	Norfolk	1970	2016	Pr, NFP	Ш	В
Virginia Western Community College	Roanoke	1969	2024	Р		А
Washington and Lee University	Lexington	1895	2019	Pr, NFP	V	ΒD
Wytheville Community College	Wytheville	1970	2016	Ρ		А

International

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Fundacion Universidad de las Americas Puebla	Mexico	1959	2015	Pr, NFP	VI	ВMD
Instituto Centroamericano de Administracion de Empresas	Costa Rica	1994	2019	Pr, NFP	Ш	Μ
Instituto Tecnologico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey	Mexico	1950	2018	Pr, NFP	VI	BMD
The American University in Dubai	United Arab Emirates	2007	2022	Pr, FP	111	ΒM
Universidad de las Americas—A.C.	Mexico	1991	2017	Pr, NFP	V	ВMD
Universidad de Monterrey	Mexico	2001	2016	Pr, NFP	111	ΒM

Candidate Institution

Institution	City	State	Governance	Level	Degree Offered	Candidacy Date
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler	Tyler	ТХ	Р	111	Μ	19-Jun-14

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc. (the Commission), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2014, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the Commission's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Commission's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Commission as of June 30, 2014, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Atlanta, Georgia October 2, 2014

Statement of Financial Position

	June 30, 2014	
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,542,954	
Investments	6,324,009	
Receivables		
Accreditation visitations	120,865	
Other	42,446	
	163,311	
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	20,000	
	143,311	
Current portion, litigation settlements, net of		
allowance for doubtful accounts of \$122,498	172,498	
Other current assets	292,875	
Total current assets	11,475,647	
Property and equipment, net	3,882,695	
Other assets		
Website development costs	156,884	
Litigation settlements, net of allowance for		
doubtful accounts of \$567,560, less current portion	567,560	
Due from related parties	113,847	
Investments - deferred compensation	335,801	
	1,174,092	
Total assets	\$ 16,532,434	

Statement of Financial Position (Continued)

	J	une 30, 2014
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable - trade	\$	437,276
Accrued expenses		450,061
Deferred revenue		
Membership dues		3,381,201
Other		1,524,746
Current portion due to related party - post retirement benefit obligation		126,885
Total current liabilities		5,920,169
Deferred compensation		335,801
Due to related party - post-retirement benefit obligation, less current portion		1,933,110
Commitments and contingencies		
Total net assets, unrestricted		8,343,354
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	16,532,434

Statement of Activities

	Year ended June 30, 2014	
Revenues and support		
Membership dues	\$ 5,595,932	
Registration fees and exhibits	2,763,291	
Application and special fees	750,464	
Grants	70,214	
Publication sales	19,423	
Dividend and interest income	217,987	
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	672,937	
Other income	376,749	
	510,145	
Total revenues and support	10,466,997	
Expenses for accreditation and supporting services		
Employee compensation and benefits	6,386,099	
General and administrative	2,120,274	
Legal and professional	180,651	
Meetings, workshops and seminars	1,041,347	
General insurance	78,422	
Total expenses for accreditation and supporting services	9,806,793	
Change in net assets, unrestricted	660,204	
Net assets, unrestricted at June 30, 2013	7,683,150	
Net assets, unrestricted at June 30, 2014	\$ 8,343,354	

Statement of Cash Flows

	Year ended Ju	une 30, 2014
Operating activities		
Change in net assets	\$	660,204
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided	1 by	
operating activities		
Provision (recovery) for doubtful accounts		(100,000)
Depreciation		212,951
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments		(672,937)
(Increase) decrease in assets and increase (decrease) in liabilitie	\$S	
Receivables		216,774
Due to/from related parties		116,798
Other current assets		(67,324)
Accounts payable - trade		344,180
Accrued expenses		24,999
Deferred revenue		318,410
Net cash provided by operating activities		1,054,055
Investing activities		
Capital expenditures and capitalized software costs		(153,948)
Purchase of investments		(23,436)
Not each used in investing activities		(177 294)
Net cash used in investing activities		(177,384)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		876,671
Cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2013		3,666,283
Cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2014	\$	4,542,954

Supplemental schedule of non-cash investing and financing activities and certain cash flow information:

There were no noncash investing and financing activities during the year ended June 30, 2014.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying financial statements include the accounts of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc. (the Commission), a Georgia nonprofit corporation, without capital stock, and a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Inc. (SACS). The Commission was incorporated exclusively for educational purposes, and is the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the southern United States. The Commission grants normal credit terms to its members.

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 2, 2014, which is the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

A summary of the significant accounting policies of the Commission applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements follows.

Financial Statement Presentation

The Commission's financial statements are prepared in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 958, *Not-for-Profit Entities* (ASC 958). Under ASC 958, the Commission is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets and permanently restricted net assets. The Commission considers all of its net assets to be unrestricted net assets. In addition, the Commission is required to present a statement of cash flows.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The Commission provides an allowance for doubtful accounts equal to the estimated collection losses that will be incurred in the collection of all receivables. The estimated losses are based upon historical collection experience coupled with a review of the current status of existing receivables.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment is stated at cost. The Commission capitalizes property and equipment with a cost of \$1,000 or more and a useful life in excess of one year. Depreciation of property and equipment is provided in amounts sufficient to relate the cost of depreciable assets to operations over their estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Property and Equipment (continued)

The components of property and equipment at June 30, 2014, are as follows:

Estimated		
Useful Lives (years)		
25	\$2,769,875	
3-10	1,622,523	
	4,392,398	
	1,759,703	
	2,632,695	
	1,250,000	
	\$3,882,695	
	Useful Lives (years) 25	Useful Lives (years) 25 \$2,769,875 3-10 1,622,523 4,392,398 1,759,703 2,632,695 1,250,000

Website Development Costs

Website development costs relate to a system being developed by the Commission to support the production of webinars. The system will allow schools to access training and other webinars to help further support the relationship between the Commission and the schools it services. Costs incurred during the application development have been capitalized in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The following is a summary of Website development costs at June 30, 2014:

Software and Hardware – not in service	\$ 28,076	
Web-based training modules – not in service	128,808	
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	\$ 156.884	

Website development costs will be amortized over its estimated useful life and the amortization expense will be charged to operations. No charges have been made to depreciation and amortization, as the system has not reached technological feasibility as of June 30, 2014. Total budgeted costs for the system are expected to be approximately \$511,700 and will reach technological feasibility in fiscal year 2015.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized as services are provided and on a pro-rata basis over the accreditation period. Revenue from publication sales is recognized upon shipment to the customer.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue reported as a current liability represents membership dues, registration fees and grants related to future periods, which were received prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Concentrations of Credit Risk

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the Commission to concentrations of credit risk, are principally receivables and investments. Concentration of credit risk with respect to receivables is limited due to the members comprising the Commission's member base and the profession in which its members operate. To reduce risk, the Commission routinely assesses the financial strength of its members and, as a consequence, believes that its receivables credit risk exposure is limited. Concentration of credit risk with respect to investments is limited due to the diversified nature of the Commission's investment portfolio (Note 2). To further reduce credit risk, the Commission's Administrative Council and the Trust Department of the Commission's principal investment institution routinely assess the financial strength and diversification of the investments.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Commission considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Income Taxes

The Commission is exempt from federal income taxes under the provisions of \$501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Internal Revenue Service has also determined that the Commission is not a private foundation as defined by \$509(a)(1) of the Code.

FASB ASC 740, *Income Taxes* (ASC 740), requires the use of a two-step approach for recognizing and measuring tax benefits taken or expected to be taken in a tax return and disclosures regarding uncertainties in income tax positions. Only tax positions that meet the more likely than not recognition threshold may be recognized under ASC 740.

Management does not believe that the Commission has any material uncertain tax positions at June 30, 2014; however, the Commission's tax returns for the years ended June 30, 2013, 2012 and 2011, are still available for examination by relevant taxing authorities.

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NOTE 2 - INVESTMENTS

Investments at June 30, 2014, are recorded at market value based on quoted market prices in accordance with FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* (ASC 820). The Commission's investments represent funds held for future operational or capital needs. Changes in the basis of investments held at the end of the year are reflected in the statement of activities as unrealized appreciation/depreciation in the market value of investments. Realized gains and losses on the sale of investments are recorded based upon the difference between the proceeds and the basis of the investments. The basis of the investments is determined by the specific-identification method. Interest income and dividends are recognized when earned.

ASC 820 defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (exit price).

ASC 820 classifies inputs used to measure fair value into the following hierarchy:

- Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities, or unadjusted quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability.
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

Assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis comprise investments totaling \$6,324,009 as of June 30, 2014.

NOTE 2 - INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, investments at fair value as of June 30, 2014:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Large Cap Domestic Stocks				
(publicly traded)	\$1,825,679	\$	\$	\$1,825,679
Mutual Funds (publicly				
traded)	1,016,780			1,016,780
Developed International Stocks				
(publicly traded)	907,218			907,218
Small and Mid-Cap Domestic Stoc	cks			
(publicly traded)	627,277			627,277
Emerging Markets (publicly				
traded)	517,332			517,332
International Bonds (publicly				
traded)		412,600		412,600
Real Estate Investments (publicly				
traded)	386,478			386,478
High Yield Bonds (publicly				
traded)		352,672		352,672
Domestic Bonds (publicly				
traded)		277,973		277,973
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	<u>\$5,280,764</u>	<u>\$1,043,245</u>	\$	<u>\$6,324,009</u>

Generally, for all investments, fair value is determined by reference to quoted market prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions. The investments are managed by Fifth Third Bank.

NOTE 3 - LITIGATION SETTLEMENTS

In August 2007, the Commission was named as a defendant in a lawsuit filed by a member. The member was seeking restoration of accreditation, related costs and attorney's fees. In May 2010, a consent order was issued whereby the Commission agreed to continue the member's accreditation for an additional year ending in May 2011. Also in May 2010, a release of claims and settlement agreement was reached between the Commission and member, awarding the Commission the recovery of attorney fees in the amount of \$1,000,000. In accordance with the settlement, the member paid \$200,000 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. The member also signed a note payable to the Commission for the remaining \$800,000, to be payable in annual installments of \$100,000, with the final installment and accrued interest, at a rate of 3%, to be paid on January 31, 2020.

NOTE 3 - LITIGATION SETTLEMENTS (CONTINUED)

At June 30, 2014, the Commission has recognized the settlement award as a note receivable in the amount of \$500,000, net of an estimated allowance for doubtful accounts of approximately \$250,000.

The Commission filed a lawsuit against a member during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. The member was originally seeking restoration of accreditation, of which the court did not grant. The Commission filed suit seeking the recovery of attorney's fees related to previous suits. In October 2011, a release of claims and settlement agreement was reached between them. The member signed a note payable to the Commission for \$600,000, to be payable in ten annual installments of various amounts, with the final installment and accrued interest, at a rate of 3%, to be paid on June 30, 2020. At June 30, 2014, the Commission has recognized the settlement award as a note receivable in the amount of \$500,000, net of an estimated allowance for doubtful accounts of approximately \$225,000.

In August 2009, the Commission was named as a defendant in a lawsuit filed by a member. The member was seeking restoration of accreditation. In December 2011, a release of claims and settlement agreement was reached where the Commission was awarded a recovery of attorney fees in the amount of \$550,000. In accordance with the settlement, the member is required to pay seven annual installments of various amounts including interest at a rate of 3%, with the final payment to be made June 30, 2018. At June 30, 2014, the Commission has recognized the settlement award as a note receivable in the amount of \$430,000, net of an estimated allowance for doubtful accounts of approximately \$215,000.

NOTE 4 - PENSION AND POSTRETIREMENT PLANS

The Commission has a contributory Defined Contribution Pension Plan (the Plan) in which substantially all employees of the Commission are required to participate. Under the requirements of the Plan, the employees contribute 2.5% of their regular salary (as defined), and the Commission contributes 12.5% of the employee's regular salary (as defined) for the purchase of individual deferred mutual funds from Lincoln Financial. The Commission's pension expense for the year ended June 30, 2014, was approximately \$533,000.

The Commission, along with the Career and Technical Education Consortium of States, Inc. (CTECS) and Advance Education, Inc. (AdvancED), provides certain health care insurance benefits for retired employees and their dependents. The Plan has been closed to new participants. Certain employees become eligible for health care insurance benefits if they retire after they reach 60 years of age and achieve 10 years of continuous service while working for the Commission. The Commission accounts for these benefits under FASB ASC 715, *Compensation - Retirement Benefits* (ASC 715), which requires a company that sponsors a postretirement benefit plan to recognize in its statement of financial position, the funded status of a benefit plan.

NOTE 4 - PENSION AND POSTRETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

Each entity is responsible for employee benefits for employees that retired from each respective entity. Based on the allocations of employees retired from each employer, approximately 58% of the benefit obligations have been allocated to the Commission, and the remaining portion has been allocated to CTECS and AdvancED. The Commission contributed approximately \$184,000 to pay benefits during the year ended June 30, 2014.

The disclosure below represents the total benefit obligation for the entire plan as well as the Commission's allocated portion.

Obligations and Funded Status

The change in the postretirement benefit obligation for the year ended June 30, 2014, is as follows:

		Commission
	Total Plan	Portion
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 3,437,153	\$ 1,989,931
Service cost	32,083	18,574
Interest cost	155,627	90,100
Actuarial loss	251,749	145,749
Benefits paid	(318,439)	(184,359)
Benefit obligation at end of year	\$ 3,558,173	\$ 2,059,995

The change in the Plan's assets for the Plan for the year ended June 30, 2014, is as follows:

	-	Total Plan	Со	mmission Portion
Plan assets at beginning of year	\$	-	\$	-
Employer contributions		318,439		184,359
Benefits paid		(318,439)		(184,359)
Plan assets at year end	\$	-	\$	-

Amounts recognized in the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2014, is as follows:

	Total Plan	Commission Portion
Current liabilities	\$ (219,165)	\$ (126,885)
Noncurrent liabilities	(3,339,008)	(1,933,110)
Funded status	\$(3,558,173)	<u>\$(2,059,995)</u>

NOTE 4 - PENSION AND POSTRETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

Components of Net Periodic Benefit Cost and Other Amounts Recognized in Net Assets

Net Periodic Benefit Cost:

	Total Plan	Commission Portion
Service cost	\$ 32,083	\$ 18,574
Interest cost	155,627	90,100
Amortization of actuarial gain/loss	56,375	32,638
Total net periodic benefit cost	\$244,085	\$141,312

Other Changes in the Plan assets and benefit obligations recognized in net assets:

		Commission
	Total Plan	Portion
Actuarial loss	\$251,749	\$145,749
Amortization of actuarial gain/loss	(56,375)	(32,638)
Net periodic benefit cost	244,085	141,312
Total recognized in net periodic benefit cost and net assets:	\$439,459	\$254,423

Weighted Average Assumptions

Medical trend rate

For disclosure as of June 30, 2014:	
Discount rate	4.20%
Medical trend rate	7.50% grades to 5.00% over 5 years
For measuring net periodic cost at the beginning	
Discount rate	4.84%

The Commission, CTECS and AdvancED expect to contribute a combined \$224,000 to the postretirement benefit plan from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

7.50% grades to 5.00% over 5 years

NOTE 4 - PENSION AND POSTRETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

The following benefit payments, which reflect expected future service and decrements as appropriate, discount rate projections, and health care cost trend rate estimates, are expected to be paid for subsequent fiscal years:

		Commission
Year ending June 30,	Total Plan	Portion
2015	\$ 224,000	\$ 130,000
2016	224,000	130,000
2017	231,000	134,000
2018	245,000	142,000
2019	246,000	142,000
2020 - 2024	1,147,000	664,000
	\$2,317,000	\$1,342,000

If the health care cost trend rates were increased by 1% for all future years, the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation for the total plan as of June 30, 2014, would have increased by approximately \$351,000. The aggregate of the service and interest cost for the total plan for the year ended June 30, 2014, would have increased by approximately \$21,000. If the health care cost trend rates were decreased by 1% for all future years, the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation for the total plan as of June 30, 2014, would have decreased by approximately \$296,000. The aggregate of the service and interest cost for the total plan for the year ended June 30, 2014, would have decreased by approximately \$296,000. The aggregate of the service and interest cost for the total plan for the year ended June 30, 2014, would have decreased by approximately \$17,000.

NOTE 5 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Commission leases certain vehicles and equipment under non-cancelable lease agreements expiring at various dates through September 2016. The leases are classified as operating leases in accordance with FASB ASC 840, *Leases*. Rent expense was approximately \$57,000 for the year ended June 30, 2014.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments required under the non-cancelable operating leases as of June 30, 2014:

Year ending June 30,	
2015	\$ 55,000
2016	55,000
2017	24,000
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	<u>\$ 134,000</u>

NOTE 5 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (CONTINUED)

The Commission has cash deposits and investment accounts with financial institutions, which fluctuate from time to time in excess of the insured limitation of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. If these financial institutions were not to honor their contractual liability, the Commission could incur losses. Management is of the opinion that there is no risk of loss because of the financial strength of these financial institutions.

From time to time, the Commission may have asserted and unasserted claims arising in the normal course of business, most often these claims involve the Commission's denial of accreditation of a member institution. The Commission does not expect losses, if any, arising from these asserted and unasserted claims to have a material effect on the financial statements.

NOTE 6 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION

The Commission has entered into deferred compensation agreements with certain current and former employees. These agreements require the Commission to pay a portion of each employee's salary into a salary continuation account that is invested into certain investments as defined by the agreements. These payments are required to continue through each employee's stated vested date. Upon retirement and participant request, the fair values of the salary continuation accounts are to be paid to the employees in sixty substantially equal monthly installments. At June 30, 2014, the investments – deferred compensation are presented at fair value based on level 2 measurements.

NOTE 7 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

SACS has an agreement with an insurance carrier whereby SACS and the Commission's group health insurance are partially self-insured. Under the agreement, SACS and the Commission fund each employee and/or his/her dependent claims up to a maximum of \$50,000 annually. The maximum liability to the claim fund cannot exceed \$1,056,099 annually. At June 30, 2014, the Commission had no unfunded liability for submitted claims. Claims for occurrences prior to June 30, 2014, were unknown at that date and are estimated to be insignificant.

As discussed in Note 4, SACS also maintains a plan that provides certain health care insurance benefits for retired employees and their dependents. The Commission has certain employees and former employees that participate in this plan. SACS accounts for these benefits under FASB ASC 715, which requires an entity that sponsors a postretirement benefit plan to recognize in its statement of financial position, the funded status of the benefit plan. Accordingly, the entire funded status at June 30, 2014, has been recorded by SACS.

NOTE 7 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

The Commission's portion of the obligation in the amount of \$2,059,995 has been recognized as due to related party - post retirement benefit obligation in the accompanying statement of financial position.

During the year ended June 30, 2014, CTECS paid the Commission \$50,000 for the use of business administration personnel and office space. At June 30, 2014, the Commission had a receivable of approximately \$110,000 due from CTECS for various operating expenses paid by the Commission on behalf of CTECS.

Management of the Commission jointly approves the annual operating budget for SACS with AdvancED and funds approximately 50% of this through a contribution to SACS. While the Commission is not legally obligated to fund the operations of SACS, management plans to continue funding half of the SACS operating budget for the foreseeable future. The Commission's portion of SACS operations amounted to approximately \$20,000 for the year ended June 30, 2014.



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