Disclosure Statement Regarding the Status of
ROANOKE-CHOWAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Ahoskie, North Carolina

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

Action by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees took place on December 8, 2019, and the institution’s next review is June 2020.

What is the accreditation status of Roanoke-Chowan Community College? Roanoke-Chowan Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; however, the institution was continued on Probation for six (6) months after review of a Second Monitoring Report following action on a Special Committee Report and Monitoring Report submitted in June 2019. SACSCOC accreditation includes all components of the institution—all programs, branch campuses, off-campus sites, and distance learning programs as reported to SACSCOC; thus, the Probation status applies to the entire institution.

What does it mean to be continued on Probation? Probation is the Commission’s most serious sanction, short of loss of membership, and can be imposed on an institution for failure to correct deficiencies of significant non-compliance with the Core Requirements and Standards of the Principles of Accreditation: failure to make timely and significant progress toward correcting the deficiencies; or failure to comply with SACSCOC policies and procedures. The imposition of Probation is an indication of the gravity of non-compliance with the Principles. Probation may be imposed upon initial institutional review, depending on the judgment of the Commission of the seriousness of the non-compliance or in the case of repeated violations recognized by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees over a period of time. In June 2020, Roanoke-Chowan Community College will have been on monitoring for two (2) years and the maximum consecutive time for a monitoring period is two (2) years. Further, at that time, the institution will have been on Probation for one (1) year; the maximum consecutive time that an institution may be on Probation is two (2) years. For additional information about sanctions, refer to SACSCOC’s policy entitled “Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership”.

Why was Roanoke-Chowan Community College continued on Probation? Roanoke-Chowan Community College was continued on Probation because the SACSCOC Board of Trustees determined that the institution had failed to demonstrate compliance with Standard 4.2.b (Board/administration distinction), Standard 5.2.a (CEO control), and Standard 5.5 (Personnel appointment and evaluation) of the Principles of Accreditation. Prior to the institution’s next review by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees in June 2020, a Special Committee will conduct an on-site evaluation of its compliance with the Principles of Accreditation—the accreditation standards of the Commission. These standards expect that (1) the institution’s governing board ensures a clear and appropriate distinction between the policy-making function of the board and the responsibility of the administration and faculty to administer and implement policy; (2) the institution’s chief executive officer has ultimate responsibility for, and exercises appropriate control over the institution’s educational, administrative, and fiscal programs and services; as well as (3) the institution publishes and implements policies regarding the appointment, employment, and regular evaluation of non-faculty personnel. (To read the full statement for the standards cited above, access the Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement.)

What will happen in June 2020? The SACSCOC Board of Trustees will consider the accreditation status of Roanoke-Chowan Community College following review of a Third Monitoring Report submitted by the institution addressing the standards cited above for non-compliance. The Board will have the following options: (1) remove the institution from Probation without an additional report; (2) continue accreditation, continue Probation for Good Cause, request a monitoring report, and authorize a special committee visit; or (3) remove the institution from membership for failure to comply with the standards. Commission staff will not speculate on what decision might be made by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees in June 2020.

For additional information regarding SACSCOC’s accreditation process, access the Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement.