Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges

Accreditation Actions taken by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees
September 3, 2020

At its meeting on September 3, 2020, the SACSCOC Board of Trustees took the following actions regarding the accreditation status of institutions:

The Board reaffirmed the accreditation of the following institutions:

Atlanta Technical College, Atlanta, GA
Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, NC
Bevill State Community College, Jasper, AL
Bluegrass Community and Technical College, Lexington, KY
Carolinas College of Health Sciences, Charlotte, NC
Carteret Community College, Morehead City, NC
Florida Gateway College, Lake City, FL
George Corley Wallace State Community College, Selma, AL
Huntingdon College, Montgomery, AL
Jacksonville College, Jacksonville, TX
Jefferson Community and Technical College, Louisville, KY
Laredo College, Laredo, TX
Midlands Technical College, Columbia, SC
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Perkinston, MS
Mountain Empire Community College, Big Stone Gap, VA
Panola College, Carthage, TX
Pasco-Hernando State College, New Port Richey, FL
Roane State Community College, Harriman, TN
Robeson Community College, Lumberton, NC
Southwest Mississippi Community College, Summit, MS
Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, AL
T.A. Lawson State Community College, Birmingham, AL
Texas Southmost College, Brownsville, TX
Texas State Technical College, Waco, TX
Tri-County Community College, Murphy, NC
Volunteer State Community College, Gallatin, TN
Wade College, Dallas, TX

The Board granted Candidacy status to the following institutions:

Luther Rice College and Seminary, Inc., Lithonia, GA
Northshore Technical Community College, Lacombe, LA
The Board reaffirmed the accreditation of the following institutions and requested a Monitoring Report:

Cisco College, Cisco, TX  
Dillard University, New Orleans, LA  
Frank Phillips College, Borger, TX  
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Richmond, VA  
Piedmont Virginia Community College, Charlottesville, VA  
Randolph Community College, Asheboro, NC

The Board reaffirmed accreditation of the following institution(s) and requested a Fifth-Year Follow-Up Report:

Richard Bland College, South Prince George, VA

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

Alcorn State University, Lorman, MS  
Review of membership at Level V to offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice (approved June 2019).

Appalachian State University, Boone, NC  
Review of an off-campus instructional site at Appalachian Academy in Walkertown, NC.

Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN  
Review of an off-campus instructional site in Tennessee at Creek Wood High School, North Charlotte.

Benedict College, Columbia, SC  
Review of membership at Level III to offer the Master of Business Administration degree (approved June 2017).

Broward College, Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
Review of off-campus instructional sites located at Miramar West Center, Miramar, FL; The International University of Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, Bolivia; and The American College in Spain, Marbella, Spain.

Central Alabama Community College, Alexander City, AL  
Review of an off-campus instructional site located in Pratt's Mill Center, Prattville, AL.

Central Virginia Community College, Lynchburg, VA  
Review of off-campus instructional sites in Virginia at E.C. Glass High School, Lynchburg; Jefferson Forest High School, Forest; and Central Virginia Criminal Justice Academy, Lynchburg.

Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA  
Review of the institution's off-campus instructional sited located at Spelman College, Atlanta, GA.

Collin County Community College District, McKinney, TX  
Review of membership at Level II to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (B.S.N.) and the Bachelor of Applied Technology in Cybersecurity, (B.A.T. Cybersecurity) (approved in June 2019).
Converse College, Spartanburg, SC
Review of membership at Level V to offer the Doctor of Education degree in Professional Leadership (approved December 2018).

Dabney S. Lancaster Community College, Clifton Forge, VA
Review of an off-campus instructional site located in Virginia at: Alleghany County High School, Covington; James River High School, Buchanan; and Rockbridge County High School, Lexington.

Enterprise State Community College, Enterprise, AL
Review of off-campus sites in Alabama at: Enterprise Career and Technical Center, Enterprise; Geneva Regional Technical Center, Geneva; and Houston County Career Academy, Dothan.

Grayson College, Denison, TX
Review of membership at Level II to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) (approved June 2019).

Greenville Technical College, Greenville, SC
Following review of membership at Level II to offer the Bachelor of Applied Science in Advanced Manufacturing Technology (approved June 2019).

H. Councill Trenholm State Community College, Montgomery, AL
Review of an off-campus instructional site located at Autauga County Technology Center in Montgomery, AL (approved July 2019).

Laredo College, Laredo, TX
Review of membership at Level II, to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (approved June 2019).

McDowell Technical Community College, Marion, NC
Review of an off-campus instructional site at McDowell High School, Marion, NC (approved February 2019).

Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA
Review of an off-campus instructional site located at Spelman College to offer the Bachelor of Arts in Art History with a minor in Curatorial Studies (approved April 2019).

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
Review of off-campus instructional sites in North Carolina at: AG Glenn Building, Smithfield; Durham Public Schools, Staff Professional Development Center, Durham; and Wake Technical Community College (Southern), Raleigh.

Radford University, Radford, VA
Review of membership at Level I to offer the Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology; the Associate of Science in Physical Therapy Assistant; and the Associate of Applied Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant. (NOTE: The institution will remain a Level V institution.)

Radford University, Radford, VA
Review of an approved merger/consolidation of Radford University and Jefferson College of Health Sciences (both SACSCOC-accredited institutions) to be called Radford University (approved June 2019).

Richard Bland College, South Prince George, VA
Review of an off-campus instructional site located at Rock Ridge High School in Ashburn, VA.

St. Edward’s University, Austin, TX
Review of membership at Level V to offer the Doctor of Education in Leadership in Higher Education (approved June 2019).
Saint John Vianney College Seminary, Miami, FL
Review of membership at Level III, to offer the Master of Arts in Philosophy and to
offer programs online (approved June 2019).

Seminole State College of Florida, Sanford, FL
Review of off-campus instructional sites in Florida at: Lake Howell High School,
Winter Park; Winter Springs High School, Winter Springs; Lake Mary High School,
Lake Mary; and Crooms Academy of Information Technology, Sanford.

South Piedmont Community College, Polkton, NC
Review of an off-campus instructional sites in North Carolina located at: Anson High
School, Wadesboro; and Porter Ridge High School, Indian Trail.

Southern Crescent Technical College, Griffin, GA
Review of off-campus instructional sites located in Georgia at: Fayette County Center,
Fayette; the Georgia Film Academy, Fayetteville; and the Griffin Region College and
Career Academy, Griffin.

Southern University at Shreveport, Shreveport, LA
Review of off-campus instructional sites in Louisiana at Southern University and A&M
College in Baton Rouge and Southern University at New Orleans in New Orleans
(approved December 2018).

Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, SC
Review of membership at Level II to offer the Bachelor of Arts degree (approved
December 2018).

Texas A&M University-Central Texas, Killeen, TX
Review an off-campus instructional site located at the RELLIS Academic Alliance in
Bryan, TX.

Toccoa Falls College, Toccoa Falls, GA
Review of an off-campus instructional site located at Tallulah Falls School, Tallulah
Falls, GA.

Union University, Jackson, TN
Review and approval of an acquisition by Union University, a SACSCOC-accredited
institution, of the Memphis Center for Urban and Theological Studies (MCUTS), an
off-campus instructional site of Lancaster Bible College, a non-SACSCOC-accredited
institution, located in Memphis, TN (approved June 2019).

University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX
Review of membership at Level V to include Level I to offer Associate degrees,
including Applied Associate of Science degrees in Electronic Technology, Networking
Technology, and Cybersecurity (approved June 2019).

University of South Carolina Beaufort, Bluffton, SC
Review of membership at Level III to offer the Master of Science in Computational
Science (approved in June 2018).

University of South Carolina Beaufort, Bluffton, SC
Review of an off-campus instructional site located at USC-Beaufort (Hilton Head
Island Campus) in Hilton Head, SC.

The University of Tampa, Tampa, FL
Review of membership at Level V to offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice (approved
December 2018).

Valencia College, Orlando, FL
Review of a branch campus: the Downtown Campus, Orlando, FL
The Board continued accreditation of the following institutions after a Substantive Change Committee on-site review of the previously approved change and requested a Monitoring Report:

- College of the Mainland, Texas City, TX
  Review of off-campus instructional site in Texas at: Dickinson High School, Dickinson; Friendswood High School, Friendswood; Santa Fe, Santa Fe; and Texas City High School, Texas City.

- Galveston College, Galveston, TX
  Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Applied Science in Healthcare Management (approved December 2018).

- South University, Savannah, GA
  For failure to comply with Standard 4.3 (Multi-level governance) and Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility) of the Principles of Accreditation. A Special Committee was not authorized.

- Young Harris College, Young Harris, GA
  Review of membership at Level III to offer the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) in Secondary Education (approved June 2018).

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

- Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, TX
  Moved from Level I to Level II to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and authorized a Substantive Change Committee to visit the institution and authorized a Substantive Change Committee to visit the institution. Projected implementation: August 2021

- Huntingdon College, Montgomery, AL
  Moved from Level II Level III to offer a Master’s degree in Athletic Training and authorized a Substantive Change Committee to visit the institution. Projected implementation: January 2021.

- Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX
  Moved from Level III to Level V to offer the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) and authorized a Substantive Change Committee to visit the institution. Projected Implementation: January 2021.

- Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, VA
  Moved from Level III to Level V to offer the Doctor of Physical Therapy and authorized a Substantive Change Committee to visit the institution. Projected implementation: January 2024.

The Board approved the following substantive changes:

- Fisk University, Nashville, TN
  Approve off-campus instructional site in Tennessee at Emmanuel Family Life Center in Clarksville and authorized a Substantive Change Committee to visit the institution. Projected implementation: fall 2020.

The Board removed the following institutions from Warning:

- Clarendon College, Clarendon, TX
- Columbia College, Columbia, SC
Richard Bland College

The Board removed the following institutions from Probation:

- Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona Beach, FL
- Fisk University, Nashville, TN
- Roanoke-Chowan Community College, Ahoskie, NC
- Southern University at New Orleans, New Orleans, LA
- Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN
- Tusculum University, Greeneville, TN

The Board requested the following institutions to submit a Fifth-Year Follow-Up Report:

- Baton Rouge Community College, Baton Rouge, LA
- Sullivan University, Louisville, KY

The Board requested that the following institutions submit a Monitoring Report:

- Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, AL
- Eastern Shore Community College, Melfa, VA
- Elizabethtown Community and Technical College, Elizabethtown, KY
- Erskine College, Due West, SC
- Florida Memorial University, Miami Gardens, FL
- Hodges University, Naples, FL
- Huston-Tillotson University, Austin, TX
- INCAE Business School, La Garita, Alajuela,
- LeMoyne-Owen College, Memphis, TN
- Lenoir Community College, Kinston, NC
- Ranger College, Ranger, TX
- River Parishes Community College, Gonzales, LA
- Sandhills Community College, Pinehurst, NC
- Seminole State College of Florida, Sanford, FL
- Shaw University, Raleigh, NC
- South Louisiana Community College, Lafayette, LA
- Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX
- Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX
- Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville, TN
- University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA
- University of North Alabama, Florence, AL
- The University of West Alabama, Livingston, AL

SANCTIONS AND OTHER NEGATIVE ACTIONS

For further information regarding SACSCOC Board sanctions, see the Commission’s policy “Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership.” Also, for the specific standard or requirement cited below, refer to the SACSCOC Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement. Both documents can be found on SACSCOC’s website at http://www.sacscoc.org.
The Board approved the change of ownership, control, and/or governance for the following institutions, resulting from a Substantive Change Committee visit; the institutions be continued in accreditation; and placed on Warning:

The Art Institute of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA
For failure to comply with Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources), Core Requirement 13.2 (Financial documents), Standard 4.3 (Multi-level governance), Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility), Standard 13.4 (Control of finances), and Standard 13.6 (Federal and state responsibilities) of the Principles of Accreditation. A Special Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.

The Art Institute of Houston, Houston, TX
For failure to comply with Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources), Core Requirement 13.2 (Financial documents), Standard 4.3 (Multi-level governance), Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility), Standard 13.4 (Control of finances), and Standard 13.6 (Federal and state responsibilities) of the Principles of Accreditation. A Special Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.

Miami International University of Art & Design, Miami, FL
For failure to comply with Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources), Core Requirement 13.2 (Financial documents), Standard 4.3 (Multi-level governance), Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility), Standard 13.4 (Control of finances), and Standard 13.6 (Federal and state responsibilities) of the Principles of Accreditation. A Special Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.

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

Southwestern Christian College, Terrell, TX
For failure to comply with Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources), Standard 6.2.a (Faculty qualifications), Standard 8.2.c (Student outcomes: general education), Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility) and Standard 13.4 (Control of finances) of the Principles of Accreditation. A Special Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.

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

Kentucky Wesleyan College, Owensboro, KY
For failure to comply with Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources), Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility), Standard 13.4 (Control of finances), and Standard 13.6 (Federal and state responsibilities) of the Principles of Accreditation. A Special Committee was authorized to visit the institution.

The Board placed the following institutions on Warning:

Bluefield College, Bluefield, VA
For failure to comply with Core Requirement 8.1 (Student Achievement), Standard 6.2.c (Program coordination), Standard 8.2.a (Student outcomes: educational programs), Standard 13.8 (Institutional environment), and Standard 14.1 (Representation to other agencies) of the Principles of Accreditation. A Special Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
Saint Augustine's University, Raleigh, NC
For failure to comply with Core Requirement 1.1 (Integrity), Core Requirement 4.1 (Governing board characteristics), Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources), Core Requirement 13.2 (Financial documents), Standard 4.2.b (Board/administrative distinction), Standard 4.2.c (CEO evaluation/selection), Standard 4.2.d (Conflict of interest), Standard 4.2.g (Board self-evaluation), Standard 5.2.a (CEO control), Standard 5.5 (Personnel appointment and evaluation), Standard 10.5 (Admissions policies and practices), Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility), and Standard 13.4 (Control of finances) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee has been authorized to visit the institution.

Saint Thomas University, Miami Garden, FL
For failure to comply with Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources), Standard 8.2.a (Student outcomes: educational programs), and Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.

**The Board continued the following institutions on Warning:**

Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer, NC
For failure to comply with Core Requirement 4.1 (Governing board characteristics), Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources), and Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.

Shorter University, Rome, GA
For failure to comply with Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources) and Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was not authorized.

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

Warner University, Lake Wales, FL
For failure to comply with Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources), Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility), Standard 13.4 (Control of finances), and Standard 13.6 (Federal and state responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was authorized to visit the institution.