



***Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
Commission on Colleges***

**Accreditation Actions taken by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees  
December 4, 2020**

At its meeting on **December 4, 2020**, the SACSCOC Board of Trustees took the following actions regarding the accreditation status of institutions:

**The Board reaffirmed the accreditation of the following institution(s):**

Criswell College, Dallas, TX  
Grambling State University, Grambling, LA  
Southern University and A & M College at Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge, LA  
Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX  
Thomas More University, Crestview Hills, KY  
Truett McConnell University, Cleveland, GA  
The University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, LA  
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, TX

**The Board reaffirmed the following institution(s) and requested a Monitoring Report be submitted within twelve (12) months:**

Kentucky Christian University, Grayson, KY  
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY  
Texas Southern University, Houston, TX

**The Board removed the following institution(s) from Warning and reaffirmed its accreditation:**

Memphis Theological Seminary, Memphis, TN  
Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY

**The Board granted initial accreditation to the following institution(s):**

Luther Rice College and Seminary, Inc., Lithonia, GA  
Northshore Technical Community College, Lacombe, LA

**The Board continued in accreditation the following institution(s) after conducting a visit to review their Substantive Change:**

- Belmont University, Nashville, TN  
Review of a merger/consolidation of Belmont University and Watkins College of Art (both SACSCOC-accredited institutions) (approved in June 2020).
- Bossier Parish Community College, Bossier City, LA  
Review of an off-campus instructional site located at the Bossier Parrish School of Technology and Innovative Learning (BPSTIL).
- Campbellsville University, Campbellsville, KY  
Review of off-campus instructional site in Kentucky at Central Kentucky Career Academy, Campbellsville.
- Campbellsville University, Campbellsville, KY  
Review of off-campus instructional sites located in Kentucky at: Conover Education Center, Harrodsburg; Casey County Education Center, Liberty; and Boyle County High School, Danville.
- Dallas International University, Dallas, TX  
Review of membership at Level V to offer the Doctor of Philosophy in World Arts. Projected implementation: August 2018.
- Furman University, Greenville, SC  
Continued in accreditation following review of a new Master of Arts program in Strategic Design, of which more than 50% is offered in Georgia at the Miami Ad School at Portfolio Center, Atlanta
- Lone Star College System, The Woodlands, TX  
Review of an off-campus instructional site in Texas at Lone Star College-Houston North, Houston.
- Tarrant County College District, Fort Worth, TX  
Review of the following off-campus instructional sites in Texas conducted as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Review: Ben Barber Innovation Academy, Mansfield; Birdville Center of Technology & Advance Learning, North Richland Hills; Brewer High School, Ft. Worth; Cornell Senior High School, Southlake; Castleberry High School, Ft. Worth; Connect Campus, Ft. Worth; Erma C. Johnson Hadley Northwest Center of Excellence for Aviation, Transportation & Logistics (CEATL), Ft. Worth; Harmony Science Academy-Eules, Eules, Mansfield High School, Mansfield; and Southwest High School, Ft. Worth.
- Toccoa Falls College, Toccoa Falls, GA  
Review of membership at Level III to offer the Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership (approved December 2019).
- West Texas A&M University, Canyon, TX  
Review of an off-campus instructional site located at the RELLIS Academic Alliance Center.
- Wiregrass Georgia Technical College, Valdosta, GA  
Review of off-campus instructional sites in Georgia at: Citizens Christian Academy, Douglas; Coffee Correctional Facility, Nicholls; Moody Air Force Base, Moody AFB; and Rogers State Prison, Reidsville

**The Board accredited the following institution(s) at a new or more advanced degree level:**

Middle Georgia State University, Macon, GA

Moved from Level III to Level V to offer the Doctor of Science in Information Technology and authorized a Substantive Change Committee to visit the institution within six months of the program's implementation. Projected implementation: May 2021

San Antonio College, San Antonio, 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. Projected implementation: August 2021.

**The Board approved the following substantive changes:**

Bennett College, Greensboro, NC

Approved for an initial offering of distance education (50% or more) of the Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

Memphis Theological Seminary, Memphis, TN

Approved for an initial offering of distance education (50% or more) of the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) and Master of Arts (M.A.) in Christian Ministry degrees.

**The Board approved the prospectus for merger/consolidation of the following institution(s):**

Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN

For the merger/consolidation of Lipscomb University and Austin Graduate Theological Seminary (both SACSCOC-accredited institutions) to be called Lipscomb University, and authorize a Substantive Change Committee. Projected implementation: January 2021.

The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, TX

Approved the merger/consolidation of the University of Texas at Tyler and the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler (both SACSCOC accredited institutions) and authorized a Substantive Change Committee to visit the institution within six months of the merger's implementation. Projected implementation: January 2021

**The Board accepted the prospectus for a change in control and governance of the following institutions:**

Appalachian College of Pharmacy, Oakwood, VA

For the change in control and governance from a private, not-for-profit no-member institution accredited by SACSCOC to a private, not-for-profit, one-member (Harvey W. Peters Foundation, a non-SACSCOC entity) governance structure and authorize a Substantive Change Committee. Projected implementation: January 2021.

Bluefield College, Bluefield, VA

For the change in control and governance from a private, not-for-profit no-member institution accredited by SACSCOC to a private, not-for-profit, one-member (Harvey W. Peters Foundation, a non-SACSCOC entity) governance structure and authorize a Substantive Change Committee. Projected implementation: January 2021.

**The Board removed the following institution(s) from Probation:**

Benedict College, Columbia, SC  
Denmark Technical College, Denmark, SC

**The Board requested the following institutions submit a Monitoring Report within six (6) months:**

Amarillo College, Amarillo, TX  
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

**The Board requested the following institution(s) submit a Fifth-Year Follow-Up Report:**

King University, Bristol, TN  
Southern Wesleyan University, Central, SC

**The Board requested the following institution(s) submit a Monitoring Report within twelve (12) months:**

Augusta Technical College, Augusta, GA  
Austin College, Sherman, TX  
Coastal Bend College, Beeville, TX  
College of the Mainland, Texas City, TX  
Dallas College, Dallas, TX  
Enterprise State Community College, Enterprise, AL  
Furman University, Greenville, SC  
Jefferson State Community College, Birmingham, 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 Cor Requirements or Standards 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 denied approval of a substantive change for the following institution (s):**

Southwestern Christian College, Terrell, TX  
For its initial offering of distance education (50% or more) of the Bachelor of Science in Religious Studies

**The Board denied reaffirmation, continued accreditation, and placed the following institution(s) on Warning:**

Montreat College, Montreat, NC

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources), Standard 8.2.b (Student outcomes: general education), and Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.

North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, NC

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 8.1 (*Student achievement*), Standard 8.2.a (*Student outcomes: educational programs*), Standard 8.2.b (*Student outcomes general education*), Standard 8.2.c (*Student outcomes: academic and student services*), and Standard 13.3 (*Financial responsibility*) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.

**The Board placed the following institution(s) on Warning:**

Alamance Community College, Graham, NC

For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 8.1 (*Student achievement*), Standard 10.6 (*Distance and correspondence education*), and Standard 10.7 (*Policies for awarding credit*) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.

Dabney S. Lancaster Community College, Clifton Forge, VA

For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 6.1 (Full-time faculty) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.

**The Board continued the following institution(s) on Warning:**

Wiley College, Marshall, TX

For twelve months 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 not authorized to visit the institution.

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

Atlanta Metropolitan State College, Atlanta, GA

For twelve months for failure to comply with Standard 13.6 (*Federal and state responsibilities*) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was authorized to visit the institution.

Bethel University, McKenzie, TN

For twelve months for failure to comply with Standard 13.3 (*Financial responsibility*) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was authorized to visit the institution.

Snead State Community College, Boaz, AL

For twelve months for failure to comply with Standard 8.2.a (*Student outcomes: educational programs*) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was authorized to visit the institution to visit the institution.

