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**Disclosure Statement Regarding the Status of
PFEIFFER UNIVERSITY
Misenheimer, 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 Pfeiffer University. Information presented below is in accord with SACSCOC's disclosure policy; SACSCOC staff cannot comment further on questions specifically related to Pfeiffer University. The institution has reviewed this statement prior to public posting and was invited to submit official comments regarding SACSCOC Board of Trustees action.

Action by SACSCOC Board of Trustees took place on June 17, 2021, and the institution's next review is June 2022.

What is the accreditation status of the Pfeiffer University? Pfeiffer University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and placed on Probation for Good Cause. 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 for Good Cause status applies to the entire institution.

What does it mean to be continued in accreditation and placed on Probation for Good Cause? Pfeiffer University had been on monitoring for two (2) years and the maximum consecutive time for a monitoring period is two (2) years. Pfeiffer University was at the end of its two-year monitoring period, however, instead of removing the institution's accreditation, the SACSCOC Board of Trustees can extend accreditation for Good Cause if (1) the institution has demonstrated significant recent accomplishments in addressing non-compliance, **and** (2) the institution has provided evidence which makes it reasonable for the Board to assume it will remedy all deficiencies within a 12-month period, **and** (3) the institution has provided assurance to the Board that it is not aware of any other reasons, other than those identified by the Board, why the institution cannot be continued for Good Cause. Probation is the most serious public sanction imposed by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees short of loss of accreditation. In June 2022, Pfeiffer University will have been on Probation for Good Cause for one year. For additional information about sanctions, see the SACSCOC policy entitled "[Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation and Removal from Membership](#)".

Why was Pfeiffer University continued in accreditation and placed on Probation for Good Cause? Pfeiffer University was continued in accreditation and placed on probation for Good Cause because the SACSCOC Board of Trustees determined that the institution failed to demonstrate compliance with the *Principles of Accreditation*, namely, Core Requirement 13.1 (*Financial resources*), and Standard 13.3 (*Financial responsibility*). A Special Committee was authorized to visit the institution. These standards expect an institution to: (1) have sound financial resources and a demonstrated, stable financial base to support the mission of the institution and the scope of its programs and services; and (2) manage its financial resources in a responsible manner. (To read the full statements for the standards cited above, access the [Principles of Accreditation: Foundation for Quality Enhancement](#).)

What will happen in June 2022? The SACSCOC Board of Trustees will consider the accreditation status of Pfeiffer University following a review of a 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 for Good Cause, continue the institution on Probation, request a Monitoring Report, and authorize a Special Committee; or (3) remove the institution from membership for failure to comply with the *Principles of Accreditation*. SACSCOC staff will not speculate on what decision might be made by the Board of Trustees in June 2022.

For additional information regarding SACSCOC's accreditation process, access the [Principles of Accreditation: Foundation for Quality Enhancement](#).