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**Disclosure Statement Regarding the Status of  
SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE**  
Terrell, Texas

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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 Southwestern Christian College. Information presented below is in accord with SACSCOC's disclosure policy; staff of the Commission cannot comment further on questions specifically related to Southwestern Christian College. The institution has reviewed this statement prior to public posting.

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 Southwestern Christian College?** Southwestern Christian College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; however, the institution was denied reaffirmation, continued in accreditation for Good Cause and placed on Probation after review of a monitoring report regarding faculty qualifications, general education, and financial matters. 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 denied reaffirmation, continued in accreditation, and placed on Probation for Good Cause?**

Southwestern Christian College had been on monitoring for two (2) years and the maximum consecutive time for a monitoring period is two (2) years. Southwestern Christian College 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, Southwestern Christian College 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 Southwestern Christian College denied reaffirmation, continued in accreditation, and placed on Probation for Good Cause?**

Southwestern Christian College was denied reaffirmation, continued in accreditation, and placed on Probation for Good Cause because the SACSCOC Board of Trustees determined that the institution had failed to demonstrate compliance with Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources) as well as Standard 13.4 (Control of finances) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. 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) exercise appropriate control over all its financial resources. (To read the full statements for the standards cited above, access the [Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement](#).)

**What will happen in June 2022?** The SACSCOC Board of Trustees will consider the accreditation status of Southwestern Christian College 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) reaffirm accreditation and remove the institution from Probation for Good Cause without an additional report; (2) reaffirm accreditation and remove the institution from Probation for Good Cause and request a Fifth-Year Follow-Up Report; (3) deny reaffirmation, continue accreditation, continue the institution on Probation for Good Cause, request a Monitoring Report, and authorize a Special Committee; or (4) 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: Foundations for Quality Enhancement](#).