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**Disclosure Statement Regarding the Status of
UNIVERSITY OF MOUNT OLIVE
Mount Olive, 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 the University of Mount Olive. Information presented below is in accord with SACSCOC's disclosure policy; SACSCOC staff cannot comment further on questions specifically related to the University of Mount Olive. 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 December 2, 2021, and the institution's next review is December 2022.

What is the accreditation status of University of Mount Olive? The University of Mount Olive is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; however, the institution was denied reaffirmation, continued in accreditation, and placed on Warning for twelve (12) months following SACSCOC Board action on its comprehensive decennial review. 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 Warning status applies to the entire institution.

What does it mean to be denied reaffirmation, continued in accreditation, and placed on Warning? A Warning imposed by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees at the time of an institution's comprehensive decennial review follows a determination of significant non-compliance with the Core Requirements or Standards of the *Principles of Accreditation*—the accreditation standards of SACSCOC—failure to make timely and significant progress toward correcting the deficiencies that led to the findings of non-compliance; or failure to comply with SACSCOC policies and procedures. The maximum total time during a monitoring period that an institution may be on Warning is two years. In December 2022, the University of Mount Olive will have been on Warning for one year. For additional information about sanctions, see the SACSCOC policy entitled, "[Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation and Removal from Membership.](#)"

Why was the University of Mount Olive denied reaffirmation, continued in accreditation, and placed on Warning? The University of Mount Olive was denied reaffirmation, continued in accreditation, and placed on Warning because the SACSCOC Board of Trustees determined that it had failed to demonstrate compliance with the *Principles of Accreditation*, namely, Core Requirement 13.1 (*Financial resources*). This requirement expects an institution to 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. A Special Committee was not authorized to visit the institution. (To read the full statements for the standards cited above, access the [Principles of Accreditation: Foundation for Quality Enhancement](#).)

What will happen in December 2022? The SACSCOC Board of Trustees will consider the accreditation status of the University of Mount Olive 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 Warning without an additional report; (2) reaffirm accreditation and remove the institution from Warning and request a Fifth-Year Follow-Up Report; (3) deny reaffirmation, continue accreditation, continue Warning, request a Monitoring Report, with or without authorizing a Special Committee; (4) deny reaffirmation, continue accreditation, place the institution on Probation, request a Monitoring Report, and authorize a Special Committee; and (5) 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 December 2022.

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