The following publicly available information is provided by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) concerning the accreditation of The Art Institute of Houston. Information presented below is in accord with SACSCOC’s disclosure policy; SACSCOC staff cannot comment further on questions specifically related to The Art Institute of Houston. 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 the SACSCOC Board of Trustees took place on December 4, 2022, and the institution’s next review is December 2023.

**What is the accreditation status of The Art Institute of Houston?** The Art Institute of Houston is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and continued on Warning for twelve months following review of a Monitoring Report. SACSCOC accreditation includes all components of the institution—all programs, branch campuses, off-campus sites, and distance education programs as reported to SACSCOC; thus, the Warning status applies to the entire institution.

**What does it mean to be continued in accreditation and continued on Warning?** A Warning imposed by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees 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 sanction is two years. In December 2023, The Art Institute of Houston will have been on Warning for two (2) years. For additional information about sanctions, see the SACSCOC policy entitled “Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership.”

**Why was The Art Institute of Houston continued in accreditation and continued on Warning?** The Art Institute of Houston was continued in accreditation and continued on Warning because the SACSCOC Board of Trustees determined that the institution failed to demonstrate compliance with the *Principles of Accreditation*, namely, Standard 6.2.b (*Program faculty*). This standard expects an institution to employ a sufficient number of full-time faculty members to ensure curriculum and program quality, integrity, and review. 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 2023?** The SACSCOC Board of Trustees will consider the accreditation status of The Art Institute of Houston following a review of a Second Monitoring Report submitted by the institution addressing the standard cited above. The Board will have the following options: (1) remove the institution from Warning without an additional report; (2) continue accreditation for Good Cause, place 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 December 2023.

For additional information regarding SACSCOC’s accreditation process, access the *Principles of Accreditation: Foundation for Quality Enhancement*. 