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Disclosure Statement Regarding the Status of HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY High Point, 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 High Point University. Information presented below is in accord with SACSCOC's disclosure policy; SACSCOC staff cannot comment further on questions specifically related to High Point University. The institution has reviewed this statement prior to public posting.

Action by SACSCOC Board of Trustees took place on June 15, 2023, and the institution's next review is June 2024.

What is the accreditation status of High Point University? High Point University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; however, the institution continued in accreditation and placed on Warning after review of a Referral Report regarding student support services, educational programs, and publication of accreditation status. 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 continued in accreditation and placed on Warning?

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 Warning is two years. In June 2024, High Point University will have been on Warning for twelve (12) months. For additional information about sanctions, see the SACSCOC policy entitled "Sanctions. Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership."

Why was High Point University placed on Warning? High Point University was continued in accreditation and placed on Warning because the SACSCOC Board of Trustees determined that the institution had failed to demonstrate compliance with Core Requirement 12.1 (*Student support services*), Standard 8.2.a (*Student outcome: educational programs*), and Standard 14.1 (*Publication of accreditation status*) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. These standards expect an institution to (1) to provide appropriate academic and student support programs, services, and activities consistent with its mission; (2) to identify expected student learning outcomes, assess the extent to which it achieves these outcomes, and provide evidence of seeking improvement based on analysis of the results for each of its educational programs; and (3) (a) accurately represents its accreditation status and publishes the name, address, and telephone number of SACSCOC in accordance with SACSCOC's requirements and federal policy and (b) ensures all its branch campuses include the name of that institution and make it clear that their accreditation is dependent on the continued accreditation of the parent campus. (To read the full statements for the standards cited above, access the <u>Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement</u>.)

What will happen in June 2024? The SACSCOC Board of Trustees will consider the accreditation status of High Point 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 Warning without an additional report; (2) continue accreditation, continue the institution on Warning, and request a Monitoring Report, with or without a Special Committee authorized, (3) continue accreditation, place the institution on Probation, 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 2024.

For additional information regarding SACSCOC's accreditation process, access the <u>Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality</u> <u>Enhancement</u>.