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**Disclosure Statement Regarding the Status of
NORTH AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
Stafford, 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 North American University. Information presented below is in accord with SACSCOC's disclosure policy; SACSCOC staff cannot comment further on questions specifically related to North American University. The former applicant has reviewed this statement prior to public posting.

Action by SACSCOC Board of Trustees took place on June 15, 2023.

What is the accreditation status of North American University? North American University was an applicant with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; however, the applicant was denied Authorization of a Candidacy Committee.

What does it mean to be denied Authorization of a Candidacy Committee? North American University applied for membership with SACSCOC. In order to be authorized to receive a Candidacy Committee visit, an institution must document and demonstrate compliance with core requirements and standards of the *Principles of Accreditation*, including financial resources requirements as specified in the [Accreditation Procedures for Applicant Institutions policy statement](#). After review of the application and upon recommendation of the Committee on Compliance and Reports, the SACSCOC Board of Trustees will either authorize or deny a Candidacy Committee visit. If the Board determines that the institution is not in compliance with any of the core requirements and standards of the *Principles of Accreditation*, authorization of a Candidacy Committee visit will be denied. If a Candidacy Committee visit is denied, the application process ends. Denial of a Candidacy Committee visit is not appealable.

Why was North American University denied Authorization of a Candidacy Committee? North American University was denied Authorization of a Candidacy Committee, because the SACSCOC Board of Trustees determined that the institution failed to demonstrate compliance with the *Principles of Accreditation*, namely, Core Requirement 6.1 (Full-time faculty), Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources), and Core Requirement 13.2 (Financial documents) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. These standards expect an institution to: (1) to employ an adequate number of full-time faculty members to support the mission and goals of the institution; (2) to have sound financial resources; and (3) to provide (c) an annual budget that is preceded by sound planning, is subject to sound fiscal procedures, and is approved by the governing board. (To read the full statements for the standards cited above, access the [Principles of Accreditation: Foundation for Quality Enhancement](#).)

What will happen next? An institution that is denied authorization of a Candidacy Committee may submit another application in the future at its discretion. Denial of a Candidacy Committee visit is not appealable.

For additional information regarding SACSCOC's application process, access the [Accreditation Procedures for Applicant Institutions policy statement](#).