



July 1, 2024

Dr. Justin Hoggard
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Dear Dr. Hoggard:

The following action regarding your institution was taken by the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) during its meeting held on June 13, 2024:

The SACSCOC Board of Trustees reaffirmed accreditation and requested a Monitoring Report due **April 1, 2025**. Your institution's next reaffirmation will take place in 2034 unless otherwise notified. The Monitoring Report should address the visiting committee's recommendations applicable to the following referenced standards of the *Principles of Accreditation*:

Standard 8.2.a (Student outcomes: educational programs), Recommendation 1

This standard expects an institution 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.

The institution has made progress in strengthening its assessment infrastructure by making changes in staffing and creating processes and procedures that will guide ongoing assessment of student learning outcomes for each of its education programs. For example, the institution provided updated job descriptions, organizational charts, annual templates, descriptions of new software and training opportunities, and examples of a completed annual planning template for the institutional research unit. However, the institution did not provide documentation of the implementation of these newly developed processes for each of its educational programs. Planning units appear to have started the implementation of these new processes by entering outcomes for 2023-2024 but have not yet completed the assessment cycle. The institution should provide clear documentation of the full implementation of its revised assessment system including student learning outcomes and evidence of the use of assessment results to seek improvement for each of its educational programs.

Standard 8.2.c (Student outcomes: academic and student services), Recommendation 2

This standard expects an institution to identify expected outcomes, assess the extent to which it achieves these outcomes, and provide evidence of seeking improvement based on analysis of the results for its academic and student services that support student success.

The institution has made progress in strengthening its assessment infrastructure by making changes in staffing and creating processes and procedures that will guide ongoing assessment of academic and student services units; however, the institution



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has not yet documented the full implementation of its program assessment processes. The documentation (including job descriptions, updated organizational charts, templates, and software purchases) illustrates the improvements to the assessment system made thus far, yet further implementation of these improvements is needed to demonstrate compliance. As part of the documentation for this standard, the institution presented annual planning reports that were collectively placed into its newly implemented software program 'Strategic Planning Online.' These reports included a combination of reporting units ranging from human resources and financial aid to various academic programs (dental hygiene, vocational nursing, nursing & allied health). Building upon the revised assessment system in place, the institution should clearly define which of these units support academic and student services, identify and assess appropriate outcomes for these units, and provide evidence of seeking improvement based on this analysis.

Also, please submit to your SACSCOC staff member, preferably by email, a **one-page** executive summary of your institution's Quality Enhancement Plan. The summary is due **August 15, 2024**, and should include on the same page the following information: (1) the title of your Quality Enhancement Plan, (2) your institution's name, and (3) the name, title, and email address of an individual who can be contacted regarding its development or implementation. This summary will be posted to SACSCOC's website as a resource for other institutions undergoing the reaffirmation process.

All institutions are requested to submit an 'Impact Report of the Quality Enhancement Plan' as part of their 'Fifth-Year Interim Report' due five years before their next reaffirmation review. Institutions will be notified 11 months in advance by the President of SACSCOC regarding its specific due date. Directions for completion of the report will be included.

Guidelines for the Monitoring Report are enclosed. Since it is essential that institutions follow these guidelines, **please make certain that those responsible for preparing the report receive the document. If there are any questions about the format, contact the SACSCOC staff member assigned to your institution.** Please submit your report via the Institutional Portal by the deadline date.

Please note that Federal regulations and SACSCOC's policy stipulate that an institution must demonstrate compliance with all requirements and standards of the *Principles of Accreditation (Principles)* within two years following the SACSCOC Board of Trustees' initial action on the institution. At the end of that two-year period, if the institution does not comply with all standards and requirements of the *Principles*, representatives from the institution may be required to appear before the Board, or one of its standing committees, to answer questions as to why the institution should not be removed from membership. If the Board of Trustees determines Good Cause at that time and the institution has not been on Probation for both years during the two-year monitoring period, the Board may extend the period for coming into compliance for a minimum of six months and a maximum of two years and must place the institution on Probation. An institution may be on Probation for a maximum of two years. If the Board does not determine Good Cause or if the institution does not come into compliance within the specified period of time while on Probation, the institution must be removed from



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membership. (See enclosed SACSCOC's policy, "*Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership*", which includes the provision for a determination of Good Cause.)

We appreciate your continued support of SACSCOC's work and activities. If you have questions, please contact the SACSCOC staff member assigned to your institution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Belle S. Wheelan".

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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Enclosures

cc: Dr. Crystal A. Baird, Vice President, SACSCOC