Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges

Actions taken by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees
December 10, 2012

At its meeting on December 9, 2012, SACSCOC Board of Trustees took the following actions regarding the accreditation status of institutions reviewed. The list does not include the names of institutions required only to submit additional monitoring reports unless the review resulted in a negative or an adverse action.

The Commission reaffirmed the accreditation of the following institutions:

- The American University in Dubai, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Austin Graduate School of Theology, Austin, Texas
- Christendom College, Front Royal, Virginia
- Coastal Carolina University, Conway, South Carolina
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida
- Florida Memorial University, Miami Gardens, Florida
- Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky
- Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory, North Carolina
- Miami International University of Art and Design, Miami, Florida
- Milligan College, Milligan College, Tennessee
- Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi
- Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi
- Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, Mississippi
- Oakwood University, Huntsville, Alabama
- Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia
- Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas
- Parker University, Dallas, Texas
  (Includes approval of an exception to Core Requirement 2.7.4)
- Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer, North Carolina
- Radford University, Radford, Virginia
- Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, Mississippi
- Shorter University, Rome, Georgia
- Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina
- Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, Tennessee
- Southern College of Optometry, Memphis, Tennessee
- Southwestern Assemblies of God University, Waxahachie, Texas
- Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas
- Texas A & M University System Health Science Center, Bryan, Texas
- Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, Virginia
University of Houston-Clear Lake, Houston, Texas 
(Includes approval of an exception to Core Requirement 2.7.4)
University of North Alabama, Florence, Alabama
The University of North Carolina at Asheville, Asheville, North Carolina
University of Pikeville, Pikeville, Kentucky
University of South Carolina Upstate, Spartanburg, South Carolina
Warner University, Lake Wales, Florida

The Commission reaffirmed the accreditation of the following institutions and removed them from sanction:

Houston Baptist University, Houston, Texas (removal from Warning)
Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina (removal from Warning)
Montreat College, Montreat, North Carolina (removal from Warning)

The Commission accredited the following member institutions at a more advanced degree level:

Bluefield College, Bluefield, Virginia
   Moved from Level II to Level III offering the Master of Arts in Education online
Brevard Community College, Cocoa, Florida
   Moved from Level I to Level II offering the Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management
Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, Virginia
   Moved from Level III to Level V offering the Doctor of Physical Therapy and the Doctor of Occupational Therapy
Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, Mississippi
   Moved from Level III to Level V offering the Doctor of Nursing Practice
Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, Florida
   Moved from Level IV to Level V offering the Doctor of Business Administration in Management
Southeastern University, Lakeland, Florida
   Moved from Level III to Level V offering the Doctor of Education

The Commission approved the following substantive changes:

Chattahoochee Valley Community College, Phenix City, Alabama
   Approved the Associate of Applied Science degree in Applied Technology
Greensboro College, Greensboro, North Carolina
   Approved the Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Criminal Justice Administration degrees offered online
Houston Baptist University, Houston, Texas
   Approved the following programs: Bachelor of Arts in Cinema and New Media Arts, Master of Arts in Philosophy, Certificate in Apologetics, and the Master of Arts in Apologetics.
Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, Virginia
   Approved a new branch campus located in Fisherville, Virginia
Midland College, Midland, Texas
   Approved the following: (1) the Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science degrees in General Studies offered at Midland High School, Lees High School, and Ozona High School, (2) Computer Graphics Technology offered at the Advanced Technology Center, and (3) the Diesel Technology program offered at the Codgell Learning Center
Parker University, Dallas, Texas
Approved Level I offering the Associate of Applied Science in Radiologic Technology

Southern University at Shreveport, Shreveport, Louisiana
Approved the Associate of Science in Business Management and the Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology offered through distance learning

The Commission continued the accreditation of the following institutions after an on-site review by a Substantive Change Committee:

Anderson University, Anderson, South Carolina
Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Ministry

Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, North Carolina
Review of an off-campus instructional site in Charlotte, North Carolina

College of Central Florida, Ocala, Florida
Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Applied Science in Business and Organizational Management and the Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood

Florida National University, Hialeah, Florida
Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Business Administration

Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, Georgia
Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Nursing Practice

High Point University, High Point, North Carolina
Review of membership at Level V offering the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership

Jefferson State Community College, Birmingham, Alabama
Review of the Associate of Applied Science Registered Nursing program offered at the Chilton-Clanton Center, Clanton and St. Clair-Pell City Center, Pell City, Alabama

Johnson University, Knoxville, Tennessee
Review of membership at Level V offering the Ph.D. in Leadership Studies

Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina
Review of off-campus instructional sites located at Hyderabad, India; Singapore; and Milton Keynes, England

Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Review of the following off-campus instructional sites in Tennessee: Rockvale Middle School in Rockvale, Motlow Community College in McMinnville, Nissan Training Center in Smyrna, and the Middle Tennessee Education Center in Shelbyville

Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina
Review of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing

North Greenville University, Tigerville, South Carolina
Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Ministry

Owensboro Community and Technical College, Owensboro, Kentucky
Review of an Electronic Systems Operation Technician Certificate offered at Lewisport, Kentucky

Savannah Technical College, Savannah, Georgia
Review of off-campus instructional sites at Woodville-Tompkins High School in Savannah and Fort Stewart Army Educational Center in Fort Stewart, Georgia

South University, Savannah, Georgia
Review of a branch campus located in Austin, Texas

Tallahassee Community College, Tallahassee, Florida
Review of the Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education in Tallahassee, Florida
University of Houston-Downtown, Houston, Texas
- Review of off-campus instructional sites at Lone Star College-Kingwood and Lone Star College-CyFair

University of West Florida, Pensacola, Florida
- Review of the Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and in Computer Engineering offered at the University of Florida Research & Engineering Facility in Shalimar, Florida

Virginia Highlands Community College, Abingdon, Virginia
- Review of dual enrollment off-campus instructional sites offering the General Education Certificate at the following locations: Abingdon, Virginia; Chilhowie, Virginia; Mountain City, Tennessee; Saltville, Virginia; and Bristol, Virginia

Wade College, Dallas, Texas
- Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Arts in Manufacturing and Design

The Commission approved the merger/consolidations of the following institutions:

Georgia Health Sciences University, Augusta, Georgia
- Approved the consolidation/merger of Georgia Health Sciences University with Augusta State University to be called Georgia Regents University

Macon State College, Macon, Georgia
- Approved the consolidation/merger of Macon State College with Middle Georgia College to be called Middle Georgia State College

North Georgia College and State University, Dahlonega, Georgia
- Approved the consolidation/merger of North Georgia College and State University with Gainesville State College to be called the University of North Georgia

South Georgia College, Douglas, Georgia
- Approved the consolidation/merger of South Georgia College with Waycross College to be called South Georgia State College

The Commission removed the following institutions from Warning:

- Austin Community College, Austin, Texas
- Dabney S. Lancaster Community College, Clifton Forge, Virginia
- Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Florida
- Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley, Georgia
- Grambling State University, Grambling, Louisiana
- Texarkana College, Texarkana, Texas
- Texas State Technical College–Harlingen, Harlingen, Texas
- Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia

The Commission removed the following institutions from Probation:

- Chattahoochee Valley Community College, Phenix City, Alabama
- Ranger College, Ranger, Texas
Sanctions and other Negative Actions

For further information regarding Commission sanctions, see the Commission’s policy “Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership.” Also, for the specific standard or requirement cited below, reference the Commission’s Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement. Both documents can be found on the Commission’s Web page at http://www.sacscoc.org.

The Commission denied membership at a more advanced degree level for the following institution:

Benedict College, Columbia, South Carolina
Denied approval of membership at Level III because the institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure that it has the capability to comply with the following standards as they relate to the substantive change: Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.6 (Practices for awarding credit), and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Georgia Perimeter College, Decatur, Georgia
Denied approval of membership at Level II because the institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure that it has the capability to comply with the following standards as they relate to the substantive change: Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Martin Methodist College, Pulaski, Tennessee
Denied approval of membership at Level III because the institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure that it has the capability to comply with the following standards as they relate to the substantive change: Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.6.1 (Post-baccalaureate program rigor), and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence) of the Principles of Accreditation.

The Commission denied approval of the following substantive changes:

Fundacion Universidad de las Americas Puebla, Puebla, Mexico
Denied approval to offer the Licenciatura in Biomedical Engineering degree program for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs) and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Parker University, Dallas, Texas
Denied approval of membership at Level III for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.6.1 (Post-baccalaureate program rigor) of the Principles of Accreditation.

The Commission denied reaffirmation, continued accreditation, and placed the following institutions on Warning:

Erskine College, Due West, South Carolina
For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional effectiveness), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.10 (Administrative staff evaluations), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.13 (Institution-related entities), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.2 (Institutional effectiveness: administrative support services), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.3 (Institutional effectiveness:
academic and student support services), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.5 (Institutional effectiveness: community/public service), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.2 (Quality enhancement plan), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (General education competencies), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.4 (Terminal degrees of faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.2 (Faculty evaluation), and Comprehensive Standard 3.12.1 (Substantive change) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Memphis College of Art, Memphis, Tennessee
For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional effectiveness), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.2 (Institutional effectiveness: administrative support services), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.3 (Institutional effectiveness: academic and student support services), and Comprehensive Standard 3.4.7 (Consortial relationships/contractual agreements) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Mid-Continent University, Mayfield, Kentucky
For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.9 (Personnel Appointment), and Comprehensive Standard 3.2.10 (Administrative Staff Evaluations), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: Educational Programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.5 (Institutional Effectiveness: Community/Public Service), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.6 (Practices for Awarding Credit), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.8 (Noncredit to Credit), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (General Education Competencies), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.2 (Faculty Evaluation), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), Federal Requirements 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities), and Federal Requirements 4.9 (Definition of Credit Hours) of the Principles of Accreditation.

The Commission denied reaffirmation, continued accreditation, and continued the following institutions on Warning:

Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia
For twelve months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.4 (Institutional effectiveness: research), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.5 (Institutional effectiveness: community/public service), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.7 (Consortial relationships/contractual agreements), Comprehensive Standard 3.6.3 (Institutional credits for a graduate degree), Comprehensive Standard 3.9.3 (Qualified staff), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Louisiana College, Pineville, Louisiana
For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional effectiveness), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.2 (Institutional effectiveness: administrative support services), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.3 (Institutional effectiveness: academic and student support services), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (General education competencies), and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence) of the Principles of Accreditation.
The Commission denied reaffirmation, continued accreditation, and placed the following institution on Probation:

Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, Virginia
For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources) and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) of the Principles of Accreditation.

The Commission continued the accreditation of the following institutions and placed them on Warning:

Emmanuel Christian Seminary, Johnson City, Tennessee
For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing board), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Georgia Perimeter College, Decatur, Georgia
For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Navarro College, Corsicana, Texas
For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.2 (Financial aid audits), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College, Orangeburg, South Carolina
For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Southwest Virginia Community College, Cedar Bluff, Virginia
For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Texas College, Tyler, Texas
For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty) and Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs) of the Principles of Accreditation.

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia
For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing board) and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.5 (Faculty role in governance) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Wytheville Community College, Wytheville, Virginia
For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty) of the Principles of Accreditation.

The Commission continued the accreditation of the following institution and placed it on Probation:

Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, Florida
For twelve months for failure to comply with Principle 1.1 (Integrity), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.8 (Qualified administrative/academic officers), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), and Comprehensive Standard 3.11.2 (Institutional environment) of the Principles of Accreditation.
The Commission continued accreditation for good cause and placed the following institutions on Probation:

Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas
For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances) \(\text{(formerly Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4)}\), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Saint Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, Florida
For twelve months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs) and Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.5 (Institutional effectiveness: community/public service) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Southern University and A & M College at Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
For six months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs) of the Principles of Accreditation.

The Commission continued accreditation for good cause and continued the following institutions on Probation:

Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee
For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing board), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances) \(\text{(formerly Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4)}\), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Greensboro College, Greensboro, North Carolina
For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability) and Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: education programs) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Adverse Action

Appealable actions do not go into effect until the appeal period of ten days following written notification has expired. If the institution appeals within this time period, it maintains the status held prior to the Commission’s decision until the appeal has been resolved.

The Commission removed the following institutions from membership:

Florida Christian College, Kissimmee, Florida
For failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources) and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Lon Morris College, Jacksonville, Texas
For failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional effectiveness), Core Requirement 2.6 (Continuous operation), Core Requirement 2.7.2 (Program Content), Core Requirement 2.7.3 (General education), Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Core Requirement 2.9 (Learning resources and services), Core Requirement 2.10 (Student support services), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.2 (Financial aid audits), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of sponsored research/external funds), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the Principles of Accreditation.