



***Commission on Colleges
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools***

**Actions taken by the SACS COC Board of Trustees
December 7, 2009**

At its meeting on December 7, 2009, SACS COC Board of Trustees took the following actions regarding the accreditation status of institutions reviewed. The following 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:

Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky
Austin College, Sherman, Texas
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, Texas
Duke University, Durham, North Carolina
Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk, Virginia
Faulkner University, Montgomery, Alabama
Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee
Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, Florida
Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing, Hyden, Kentucky
Instituto Centroamericano de Administracion de Empresas, Alajuela, Costa Rica
Kentucky State University, Frankfort, Kentucky
Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tennessee
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky
Methodist University, Fayetteville, North Carolina
Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison, Tennessee
North Carolina Central University, Durham, North Carolina
Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Kentucky
Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, Texas
Our Lady of the Holy Cross College, New Orleans, Louisiana
Our Lady of the Lake College, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Pentecostal Theological Seminary, Cleveland, Tennessee
Regent University, Virginia Beach, Virginia
Rhodes College, Memphis, Tennessee
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas

Schreiner University, Kerrville, Texas
Shenandoah University, Winchester, Virginia
Southern Polytechnic State University, Marietta, Georgia
Texas Chiropractic College, Pasadena, Texas
(Includes an exception to CR 2.7.4)
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, Texas
(Includes an exception to CR 2.7.4)
Troy University, Troy, Alabama
The University of Louisiana at Monroe, Monroe, Louisiana
University of Mississippi, University, Mississippi
University of North Florida, Jacksonville, Florida
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, Dallas, Texas
(Includes an exception to CR 2.7.4)
Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia

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

King College, Bristol, Tennessee *(Removed from Warning)*
Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Georgia *(Removed from Warning)*

The Commission granted initial accreditation to the following institutions:
(Retroactive to January 1, 2009)

Academy of Oriental Medicine at Austin, Austin, Texas (Level III)
Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (Level V)
(Separate accreditation from LSU at Baton Rouge)
Okefenokee Technical College, Waycross, Georgia (Level I)

The Commission authorized a candidacy committee to the following institution:

South Georgia Technical College, Americus, Georgia

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

Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah, Georgia
Moved from Level III to Level V offering the Doctor of Physical Therapy
Chowan University, Murfreesboro, North Carolina
Moved from Level II to Level III offering the Master of Education in Elementary Education
Columbus State University, Columbus, Georgia
Moved from Level IV to Level V offering the Ed.D. in Curriculum

Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Virginia

Moved from Level III to Level V offering the Doctor of Physical Therapy

Mid-Continent University, Mayfield, Kentucky

Moved from Level II to Level III offering the Master of Science in Human Resource Management

North Georgia College and State University, Dahlonega, Georgia

Moved from Level IV to Level V offering the Doctor of Physical Therapy

South College, Knoxville, Tennessee

Moved from Level III to Level V offering the Doctor of Pharmacy

The Commission approved the following substantive changes:

The Criswell College, Dallas, Texas

Approved a change of governance

South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, South Carolina

Approved the following programs initiated without prior approval: Master of Science in Transportation; Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering; Master of Business Administration with Concentrations in Agribusiness and Entrepreneurship

The Commission continued the accreditation of the following institutions after review of substantive change:

Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama

Review of the Master of Science in Flight Test Engineering offered at Edwards AFB, California

Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky

Review of extended learning sites at Asbury Theological Seminary in Orlando, Florida, and Jessamine Career & Technology Center, and of the initiation of distance learning programs

Brookhaven College, Dallas, Texas

Review of two programs offered at off-campus sites: Emergency Medical Technician Basic certificate program offered at R.L. Turner High School, Carrollton, Texas, and an Associate Degree in Nursing offered at Mountain View College, Dallas, Texas

Broward College, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Science in Teacher Education

Clearwater Christian College, Clearwater, Florida

Review of membership at Level III offering the M.Ed. in Educational Leadership via electronic delivery

Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky

Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Education

ECPI College of Technology, Virginia Beach, Virginia

Review of the branch campus in Richmond, Virginia

Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, North Carolina

Review of the Master of Social Work offered at the Fort Sam Houston off-campus site

Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Meyers, Florida
Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Physical Therapy

Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing, Hyden, Kentucky
Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Nursing Practice

Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia
Review of the Master of Divinity degree offered online

Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia
Review of the Ph.D. in Theology and Apologetics

Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tennessee
Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Pharmacy

Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Kentucky
Review of the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership

Pearl River Community College, Poplarville, Mississippi
Review of programs offered at the Hancock Center in Waveland, Mississippi

Radford University, Radford, Virginia
Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Psychology in Counseling

Southeastern Technical College, Vidalia, Georgia
Review of the consolidation/merger of Southeastern Technical College, Vidalia, Georgia, and Swainsboro Technical College, Swainsboro, Georgia. Newly consolidated institution is called Southeastern Technical College

West Georgia Technical College, Waco, Georgia
Review of the consolidation/merger of West Georgia Technical College with West Central Technical College. Newly consolidated institution is called West Georgia Technical College

Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky
Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership

Young Harris College, Young Harris, Georgia
Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Arts in English, Bachelor of Arts in Music, Bachelor of Science in Biology, and the Bachelor of Science in Business and Public Policy

The Commission approved the following consolidation/mergers:

Griffin Technical College, Griffin, Georgia
Approved the consolidation/merger of Griffin Technical College, Griffin, Georgia, and Flint River Technical College, Thomaston, Georgia, to be called Southern Crescent Technical College

South University, Savannah, Georgia
Approved the consolidation/merger with The Art Institute of Dallas and The Art Institute of Ft. Worth. Institutions to be called: The Art Institute of Dallas, a branch campus of South University; The Art Institute of Ft. Worth, a campus of South University.

The Commission accepted the prospectus for the merger/consolidations of the following institutions:

South University, Savannah, Georgia

Acceptance of the prospectus for a merger/consolidation with The Art Institute of Charlotte and its branch campus, The Art Institute of Raleigh-Durham, and authorization of a substantive change committee visit. Institutions to be called: The Art Institute of Charlotte, a branch campus of South University; The Art Institute of Raleigh-Durham, a campus of South University.

Valdosta Technical College, Valdosta, Georgia

Acceptance of the prospectus for the consolidation/merger of Valdosta Technical College, Valdosta, Georgia, and East Central Technical College and authorization of a substantive change committee visit. Institution to be called Wiregrass Georgia Technical College.

The Commission removed the following institutions from Warning:

Florida Memorial University, Miami Gardens, Florida

South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, South Carolina

The Commission removed the following institutions from Probation:

Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University, Normal, Alabama

Fundacion Universidad de las Americas - Puebla , Puebla, Mexico

Louisburg College, Louisburg, North Carolina

South Louisiana Community College, Lafayette, Louisiana

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 authorization of a Candidacy Committee to the following institution:

Northeast Lakeview College, Live Oak, Texas

For failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), 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: Educational Support Services), and Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (College-Level Competencies) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

The Commission denied membership at a more advanced degree level to the following institutions:

The Baptist College of Florida, Graceville, Florida

Denied membership at Level III to offer the Master of Arts in Christian Studies for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.6.1 (Post-Baccalaureate Program Rigor), and Comprehensive Standard 3.6.2 (Graduate Curriculum) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee

Denied membership at Level V to offer the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and Public Policy for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.4 (Institutional Mission), Core Requirement 2.7.2 (Program Content), Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), and Core Requirement 2.9 (Learning Resources and Services) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

The Commission denied approval of the following substantive changes:

St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, North Carolina

Denied approval of a change of ownership for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing Board), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Core Requirement 2.11.2 (Physical Resources), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia

Denied approval of an agreement with Carilion Clinic, Inc., for the establishment of Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing Board), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.2 (Governing Board Control), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.7 (Organizational Structure), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.7 (Consortial Relationships/Contractual Agreements), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.10 (Responsibility for curriculum), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of Finances) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

The Commission placed the following institutions on Warning:

ECPI College of Technology, Virginia Beach, Virginia

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*.

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 Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

The Commission continued the following institution on Warning:

Eastfield College, Mesquite, Texas

For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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

Brescia University, Owensboro, Kentucky

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: Educational Programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (College-Level Competencies), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities).

Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas

For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty).

Southern Wesleyan University, Central, South Carolina

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (College-level Competencies), Comprehensive Standard, 3.5.4 (Terminal Degrees of Faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.6.1 (Post-Baccalaureate Program Rigor), and Comprehensive Standard 3.8.3 (Qualified Staff) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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

Columbia International University, Columbia, South Carolina

For 12 months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

The Commission denied reaffirmation, continued accreditation, and placed the following institution on Probation:

Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana

For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional Effectiveness), Core Requirement 2.12 (QEP), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.3 (Board Conflict of Interest), 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 – educational support services), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.5 (Academic Policies), Comprehensive Standard 3.6.4 (Post-Baccalaureate Program Requirements), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence), Comprehensive Standard 3.9.1 (Student Rights), Comprehensive Standard 3.9.2 (Student Records), and Federal Requirement 4.5 (Student Complaints) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

The Commission denied reaffirmation, continued accreditation, and continued the following institution on Probation:

Lambuth University, Jackson, Tennessee

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional Effectiveness), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.2 (Institutional Effectiveness: Administrative Support Services), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (College-Level Competencies), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.4 (Terminal Degrees of Faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities).

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

Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas

For six months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of Finances), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.5 (Control of Sponsored Research/External Funds), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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

Webber International University, Babson Park, Florida

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources) and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Resources) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.