



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

**Actions taken by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees
December 6, 2010**

At its meeting on December 6, 2010, SACSCOC 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:

Alabama State University, Montgomery, Alabama
Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona Beach, Florida
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences, Concord, North Carolina
Carolina College of Health Sciences, Charlotte, North Carolina
Clearwater Christian College, Clearwater, Florida
Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee
Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia
Florida International University, Miami, Florida
Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley, Georgia
Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics, Dallas, Texas
Grambling State University, Grambling, Louisiana
The Institute for the Psychological Sciences, Arlington, Virginia
Jefferson College of Health Sciences, Roanoke, Virginia
Kentucky Christian University, Grayson, Kentucky
Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina
North Carolina A & T State University, Greensboro, North Carolina
North Greenville University, Tigerville, South Carolina
Prairie View A & M University, Prairie View, Texas
St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, Florida
Salem College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
The Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, Georgia
South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, South Carolina
Southern University and A & M College at Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas
Texas A & M University – Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, Texas
Texas State University-San Marcos, San Marcos, Texas
Thomas More College, Crestview Hills, Kentucky
Tusculum College, Greeneville, Tennessee
The University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, Louisiana
University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Pembroke, North Carolina

University of North Texas Health Science Center at Ft. Worth, Fort Worth, Texas
(includes approval of exception to CR 2.7.4)
University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Houston, Texas
(includes approval of exception to CR 2.7.4)
University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas
(includes approval of exception to CR 2.7.4)
The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Odessa, Texas
The University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas
The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas
Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Georgia
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia
Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia
Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
William Carey University, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
Xavier University of Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana

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

Columbia International University, Columbia, South Carolina *(removed from Warning)*
Southern Wesleyan University, Central, South Carolina *(removed from Warning)*

The Commission granted candidacy to the following institutions *(Effective December 6, 2010)*:

Altamaha Technical College, Jesup, Georgia
J. F. Drake State Technical College, Huntsville, Alabama

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

Brenau University, Gainesville, Georgia
Moved from Level IV to Level V to offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice
East Texas Baptist University, Marshall, Texas
Moved from Level II to Level III to offer the Master of Arts in Religion and the Master of Education
ECPI College of Technology, Virginia Beach, Virginia
Moved from Level II to Level III to offer the Master of Science in Information Technology
Gulf Coast Community College, Panama City, Florida
Moved from Level I to Level II to offer the Bachelor of Applied Science in Technology Management
Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama
Moved from Level IV to Level V to offer the Doctor of Science in Emergency Management
Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, North Carolina
Moved from Level II to Level III to offer the Master of Education in Elementary Education
Midway College, Midway, Kentucky
Moved from Level III to Level V to offer the Doctor of Pharmacy degree
Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky
Moved from Level IV to Level V to offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice
Saint Catharine College, St. Catharine, Kentucky
Moved from Level II to Level III to offer the Master of Arts in Leadership

Valencia Community College, Orlando, Florida

Moved from Level I to Level II to offer the Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology and a Bachelor of Science in Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

Wade College, Dallas, Texas

Moved from Level I to Level II to offer the Bachelor of Arts in Merchandising and Design

Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

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

The Commission approved the following substantive changes:

Bauder College, Atlanta, Georgia

Approved the Associate of Science in Nursing and the Licensed Practical Nurse

Keiser University, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Approved change of governance from a private, for-profit to a private, not-for-profit institution

Southern Wesleyan University, Central, South Carolina

Approved the Master of Education in Administration and Supervision

The Commission continued the accreditation of the following institutions after conducting a visit to review their substantive changes:

Criswell College, Dallas, Texas

Review of change of governance

Florida International University, Miami, Florida

Review of the College of Medicine offering the Doctor of Medicine

Lander University, Greenwood, South Carolina

Review of Master of Education in Montessori Education program offered at an off-campus site at Swansea Primary School, Swansea, South Carolina

North Central Texas College, Gainesville, Texas

Review of the off-campus site in Graham, Texas, offering the Vocational Nursing program

Santa Fe College, Gainesville, Florida

Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Applied Science in Health Services Administration and in Clinical Laboratory Science

South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, South Carolina

Review of the following degrees: Master of Science in Transportation, Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering, and the Master of Business Administration

South University, Savannah, Georgia

Review of the consolidation/merger with the Art Institute of Dallas and the Art Institute of Ft. Worth in Texas

South University, Savannah, Georgia

Review of a new branch campus in Glenn Allen, Virginia

State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, Bradenton, Florida

Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Texas A & M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas

Review of the following off-campus sites: (1) Central Park Campus, McKinney, Texas, (2) Higher Education Center, Rockwell, Texas, and (3) the Hanson-Sewell Center, Pittsburg, Texas

Texas A & M University – Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, Texas

Review of the Hamlin Center in Corpus Christi, Texas

Texas Wesleyan University, Fort Worth, Texas

Review of the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) and the Doctor in Nurse Anesthesia Practice (DNAP)

The Commission approved the following consolidation/merger:

South University, Savannah, Georgia

The consolidation of South University with the Art Institute of Charlotte and the Art Institute of Raleigh-Durham in North Carolina

The Commission removed the following institution from Warning:

Augusta Technical College, Augusta, Georgia

The Commission removed the following institution from Probation:

Webber International University, Babson Park, Florida

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 to the following institutions:

Lambuth University, Jackson, Tennessee

Denied move to Level III to offer the Master of Arts in Teaching 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 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: Educational Programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.2 (Institutional Effectiveness: Administrative Support Services), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.11 (Academic Program Coordination), Comprehensive Standard 3.6.1 (Post-Baccalaureate Program Rigor), Comprehensive Standard 3.6.2 (Graduate Curriculum), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence), Comprehensive Standard 3.8.1 (Learning/Information Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.8.2 (Instruction of Library Use), Comprehensive Standard 3.8.3 (Qualified Staff), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Paine College, Augusta, Georgia

Denied move to Level III to offer the Master of Arts in Teaching 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 3.3.1.3 (Institutional Effectiveness: Educational Support Services), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.9 (Academic Support Services), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.11 (Academic Program Coordination), Comprehensive Standard 3.6.1 (Post-Baccalaureate Program Rigor), Comprehensive Standard 3.6.2 (Graduate Curriculum), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence), Comprehensive Standard 3.8.1 (Learning/Information Resources), and Comprehensive Standard 3.8.2 (Instruction of Library Use) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

The Commission denied approval of the following proposed substantive change:

Lambuth University, Jackson, Tennessee

Denied approval to expand coursework in education programs offered through distance learning 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 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: Educational Programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.2 (Institutional Effectiveness: Administrative Support Services), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.7 (Consortia Relationships/Contractual Agreements), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.9 (Academic Support Services), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.11 (Academic Program Coordination), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.12 (Technology Use), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.4 (Terminal Degrees of Faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.3 (Faculty Development), Comprehensive Standard 3.8.2 (Instruction of Library Use), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.11.3 (Physical Facilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

The Commission placed the following institutions on Warning:

Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee

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

Dabney S. Lancaster Community College, Clifton Forge, Virginia

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: Educational Programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.11 (Academic Program Coordination), and Federal Requirement 4.5 (Student Complaints) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee

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*.

Germanna Community College, Locust Grove, Virginia

For six months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.12.1 (Substantive Change) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Jefferson State Community College, Birmingham, Alabama

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

South Plains College, Levelland, Texas

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1, (Institutional Effectiveness: Educational Programs), and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

The Commission continued the following institution on Warning:

Greensboro College, Greensboro, North Carolina

For twelve 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 denied reaffirmation, continued accreditation, and placed the following institutions on Warning:

Criswell College, Dallas, Texas

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: Educational Support Services), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.2 (Quality Enhancement Plan), and Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (College-Level Competencies) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Montreat College, Montreat, North Carolina

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional Effectiveness), Core Requirement 2.10 (Student Support Services), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.5 (Institutional Effectiveness- Community/Public Service), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.11.3 (Physical Facilities), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee

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), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.3 (Institutional Effectiveness: Educational Support Services), and Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.5 (Institutional Effectiveness: Community/Public Service) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

The Commission denied reaffirmation, continued accreditation, and continued 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 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

For twelve 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 denied reaffirmation, continued accreditation, and continued the following institution on Probation:

Concordia College, Selma, Alabama

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

Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas

For twelve 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, denied reaffirmation, and continued the following institution on Probation:

Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana

For twelve months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: Educational Programs) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Adverse Actions

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 institution from membership:

Lambuth University, Jackson, Tennessee

For failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional Effectiveness), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.8 (Qualified Administrative/Academic Officers), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (College-Level Competencies), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.4 (Terminal Degrees of Faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.8.3 (Qualified Staff), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of Finances), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

(Note: Lambuth University remains accredited and on Probation until the appeal period of ten days following written notification has expired.)