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## Message from the Chair of SACSCOC Board of Trustees



Ten years ago, the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) published a monograph entitled “Presidential Perspectives on Accreditation: A Report of the CHEA Presidents Project.” The project was designed to measure “presidential investment and interest in accreditation as a public policy issue.” It explored whether college and university presidents viewed “accreditation principally as a process that their institutions have to undergo” or “as an important defining element in the policy relationship between the higher education enterprise and society.”

The study produced several conclusions, some of which appear to resonate today: (1) Accreditation is superior to more direct forms of government accountability. (2) How an institution benefits from accreditation rests with the president. (3) Accreditation needs to improve in the areas of evaluator training; the process could be more streamlined and cost effective. (4) Presidents support openness but are concerned about “information distortion.” (5) The accreditation process is not “well understood by the public and by constituents to whom it is supposed to assure quality.”

Included as a part of this final point in the monograph was the perception by presidents that “many among their own ranks do not sufficiently understand the process or actively invest in it at a time when clear voices are needed to protect accreditation’s integrity and standing as an element of public policy.” Perhaps this final point is the most relevant today. In an organization grounded in self-regulatory practices using standards developed and adopted by the membership, can presidents afford to not invest time? Can they abdicate responsibility for understanding accreditation’s significance as an element of public policy and for articulating to the public the value of accreditation to society?

During my six-year’s service on the Board, I have observed first hand that our process works: Board members and evaluators take their responsibilities seriously and are extremely conscientious in their deliberations and decision making to ensure integrity and standing with the public and with students. This emphasis on integrity permeates all Commission operations and sustains our organization’s credibility within the region and the nation. It is the catalyst that has successfully steered us through transitions and challenges. When presidents become involved, they understand the importance of this process and the value of accreditation to the public.

As I conclude my two-year tenure as Chair, I leave with a deep respect for all those individuals who are undaunted by challenges and make this unique form of self-regulation work. I encourage all to become involved!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Westmoreland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

T. Andrew Westmoreland, Ed.D.

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## Message from the President of SACSCOC



The reauthorization of the Higher Education Act began in earnest last year though it is not expected to be completed until sometime after the 2016 presidential election. Many ideas about ways to change the relationship between the federal government and institutions of higher education have surfaced. While some are designed to enhance the relationship, the impact of others is not so clear. In either case, I spent much of the year trying to understand them all.

The United States Department of Education increased its communication with regional accreditors this past year. We were invited to meet with several members of the Department staff including the Under Secretary to discuss the following issues:

- the experimental program for competency-based education,
- the EQUIP program for non-institutional entities to obtain federal student aid,
- e-credential programs,
- the use of data for the College Scorecard and in deciphering high default rates.

Several of the issues that continue to get traction on the hill include:

- a shortened student financial aid form,
- the risk-based accreditation,
- the establishment of minimum student achievement data levels.

The six Executives of the other regional accrediting commissions and I visited with Republican members of both the House and Senate Education Committees and with several members of the Democratic Caucus to help them understand accreditation and the role it plays in determining quality in institutions of higher education.

On the home-front, the Executive Council of the SACSCOC Board approved the establishment of the Principles Review Committee and a committee to look at the relationship between the Commission and system offices that support our institutions. We continue to process nearly 3,000 substantive change requests including several that involved the merger/consolidation of several institutions.

All in all, my 11th year as your CEO has been as exciting as the first. I look forward to continuing to work with you and for you in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Belle S. Wheelan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.  
President



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Annual Report



## Philosophical Statement

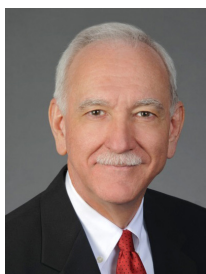
The membership of SACSCOC supports the right of an institution to pursue its established educational mission; the right of faculty to teach, investigate, and publish freely; and the right of students to access opportunities for learning and for the open exchange of ideas. The exercise of these rights, however, should not interfere with the overriding obligation of an institution to offer its students a sound education.

## Changes to SACSCOC Administrative Staff

During 2015, three new Vice Presidents joined SACSCOC to replace departing staff members. Read about John S. Hardt, Patricia L. Donat and Larry L. Earvin in the following paragraphs.

Vice Presidents Claudette Williams and Robin Hoffman resigned their positions in June and July, respectively. Dr. Carol Hollins, Director of Institutional Support: Meetings, retired in December after coordinating her 18th annual meeting. Ms. Alana Veal was promoted to Director of Professional Development and Meetings.

### Dr. John S. Hardt



Dr. John S. Hardt joined the SACSCOC staff as Vice President in January 2015. Prior to this appointment, he served two SACSCOC member institutions for more than thirty years as a faculty member and academic administrator, including a decade as Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Brevard College (NC). In this role, his priorities included faculty professional development, institutional planning, and curricular development and assessment. Earlier he served for more than twenty years at Ferrum College (VA) in a variety of faculty and administrative roles. Among his responsibilities at these two institutions, he served as the institutional accreditation liaison for more than twenty years, during which time he successfully led institutional reaccreditation efforts three times. He also served frequently as a member and chair of SACSCOC review committees. A native of Texas, Dr. Hardt earned a B.A. in English and Sociology from Centenary College of Louisiana, an M.A. in English from Texas Tech University, and a Ph.D. in American Literature from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Since earning his graduate degrees, he has participated in professional development programs at Harvard University, the National Humanities Center, and the Salzburg Institute.

### Dr. Patricia L. Donat



Dr. Patricia L. Donat has served as vice president for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges since July 2015. Prior to this appointment, she served as Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for the University of North Georgia, during which time the institution expanded its academic programs and discipline-specific program accreditations, secured approval for a level change to doctoral granting status, received Carnegie Elective Classification for Community Engagement, and consolidated two state institutions within the University System of Georgia to become a regional multi-campus institution of approximately 16,000 students. Prior to her service as chief academic officer, she was associate vice president for academic affairs at North Georgia College & State University, and associate vice

president for academic affairs, acting dean for arts and sciences, and interim division head for education and human sciences at Mississippi University for Women. Dr. Donat received the B.A. in Psychology from the University of Northern Iowa, M.A. (Clinical Psychology) and Ph.D. (Social Psychology) from the University of North Carolina Greensboro.

Dr. Donat's professional service includes membership on the SACSCOC Board of Trustees, service on numerous on-site and off-site committees, and membership on the committee that revised the 2012 edition of the Commission's *Resource Manual for the Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement*, and the presidency of the Southeastern Psychological Association. Her community engagement included presidency of the Dahlenega Rotary Club.

### **Dr. Larry L. Earvin**



Dr. Larry L. Earvin has served as vice president for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges since August 2015. Prior to this appointment, he served as President and CEO of Huston-Tillotson University for 15 years, during which he led award-winning campus building renovations, enrollment increases, faculty recognitions, student initiatives, and a status change from college to university. Prior to his presidency, he was Dean of Arts and Sciences and also a senior staff member in the office of the Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs at Clark Atlanta University.

Dr. Earvin has served on the SACSCOC Board of Trustees from 2009-2013; two years on the Committees on Compliance and Reports and three years on the Executive Council—one as Vice Chair and one as Chair. The Executive Council is the executive arm of the SACSCOC Board. He is a recipient of the James T. Rogers Distinguished Leadership Award, the Commission's highest award, for exceptional leadership and distinguished service in higher education. He holds a B.A. in business administration from Clark Atlanta University, a M.S. in urban administration and planning from Georgia State University, and the Ph.D. in American Studies from Emory University. His professional service also includes membership on the Council of Independent Colleges Board of Directors and the Amistad Research Center Board of Directors. Within the United Methodist Church, he has served as chair of the Commission on Black Colleges of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, a board member of the Committee on Planning and Implementation of the National Association of Schools and Colleges, as a board member of Educational and Institutional Insurance Administrators, the American Council on Education, the National Association for Equal Opportunities in Higher Education, the Council on Higher Education Accreditation, and the United Negro College Fund.

## Leadership, Service, and Outstanding Chair Award Recipients

At its annual meeting, SACSCOC honored seven persons with awards for leadership and high levels of volunteerism for the Commission and its membership. One individual received the Commission's highest honor—the James T. Rogers Distinguished Leadership Award. Five people received Meritorious Service Awards, and one person was the second recipient of the Demetria N. Gibbs Outstanding Chair Award.

The James T. Rogers Distinguished Leadership Award, named for the former executive director who served the Commission on Colleges for more than two decades, is the highest public recognition given by the Commission and is reserved for extraordinarily distinctive and effective leadership. Meritorious Service Awards are given to individuals whose volunteerism and commitment to the best principles of the academy and of accreditation personify the ideals of the Commission. The Demetria N. Gibbs Outstanding Chair Award, named after a former staff member, is given to a review committee chair who has demonstrated exceptional leadership in working with committee members. Award recipients are recognized below.

### James T. Rogers Distinguished Leadership Award Recipient



John M. Hilpert, President *Emeritus* of Delta State University, Cleveland, Miss., received the 2015 James T. Rogers Distinguished Leadership Award. Hilpert has been active in Commission affairs for more than ten years and has served on the Board of Trustees and the Executive Council as Chair and Vice-Chair, and as a member of the Committee on Compliance and Reports. In his work with the Executive Council, he strengthened the fiscal oversight of the Board through the establishment of a SACSCOC audit and finance committee of the Executive Council. Along with a previously-named Investment Committee of the Board, the two committees of the Council have made the SACSCOC Executive Council ultimately responsible for ensuring that financial resources support a sound Commission. In addition, under his leadership,

the Board of Trustees approved a number of procedures that provided institutions with flexibility to be innovative while maintaining accountability for the quality of their educational programs.

## Meritorious Service Award Recipients



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**William G. Ingram**  
President, Durham Technical  
Community College,  
Durham, N.C.

## Demetria N. Gibbs Outstanding Chair Award Recipient



**Mark R. Foley**, President Emeritus, University of Mobile,  
Mobile, Ala.

*Dr. Belle Wheelan congratulates Mark R. Foley, the second  
recipient of the Demetria N. Gibbs Outstanding Chair Award.*

# SACSCOC Activities

## Accreditation Actions

The following table describes the type and number of cases of accreditation actions taken by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees since the implementation of the *Principles of Accreditation* in 2004. Note that the total number of cases beginning in 2007 increased due to the beginning of the Commission's review of unreported substantive changes submitted after the adoption in 2006 of Comprehensive Standard 3.12 on the reporting of substantive change.

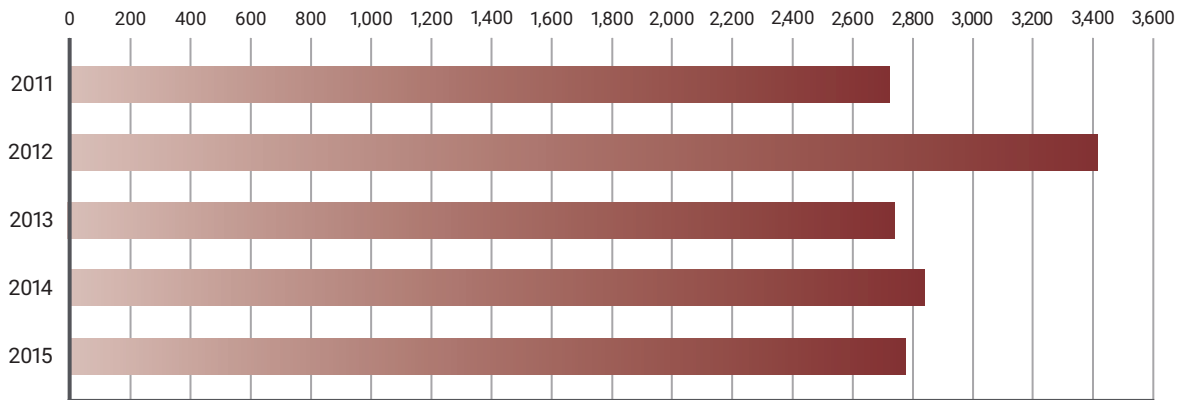
TYPE OF ACTION	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Totals
Reaffirmation of accreditation	79	79	74	73	80	87	78	77	76	87	83	873
Denial of reaffirmation & imposition/continuation of a sanction	7	6	3	7	10	12	14	10	6	1	1	77
Initial candidacy/renewal of candidacy	3	3	6	8	0	8	5	4	3	1	1	42
Initial accreditation	6	3	5	4	8	3	4	4	5	5	3	50
Removal from candidacy/denial of accreditation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Approval of change of degree level	11	12	18	13	15	19	19	14	21	8	14	164
Approval of other substantive changes	7	0	11	3	12	5	9	17	14	7	12	97
Deny approval of substantive change	7	8	7	6	9	7	5	7	8	6	11	81
Substantive change review by a committee	20	17	69	32	35	32	39	42	39	44	65	434
Review of unreported substantive change	NA	NA	51	78	58	57	41	19	21	27	23	375
Review of Monitoring & Referral Reports *	113	130	100	100	174	187	206	209	184	172	169	1744
Review of Fifth-Year Interim Reports **	NA	NA	NA	45	71	74	80	67	73	76	79	565
Removal from sanction	6	16	12	8	12	10	12	15	18	8	4	121
Imposition/continuation of Warning	12	13	10	12	10	15	15	18	13	11	17	146
Imposition/continuation of Probation	4	3	6	7	4	6	2	1	0	3	3	39
Imposition/continuation of Probation with good cause	8	2	5	4	3	2	8	8	4	5	4	53
Action on removal from accreditation	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	3	1	2	0	9
Appeals of adverse actions	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	7
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>4877</b>

\* Referral reports are those reviewed by the Board of Trustees following review and referral by the Committee on Fifth-Year Interim Reports. These reports were first reviewed by the Board in June 2009.

\*\* The review of Fifth-Year Interim Reports began in December 2008.

## Substantive Change Information

### Total Number of Submissions (2011–2015)



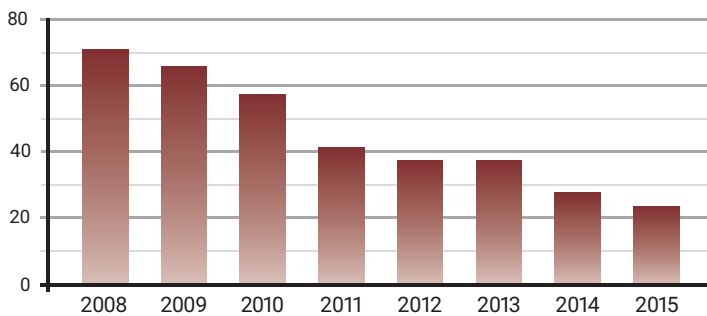
From 2011 to 2015, SACSCOC received an average of more than 2,800 submissions annually from member institutions.

### Types of Substantive Change Submissions (2011-2015)

Submission Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Prospectus	501	526	507	519	543
Follow-Up Information	436	273	287	167	270
Notification	1,842	2,394	1,479	1,716	1,512
For C&R Review	99	129	97	49	87
Teach-out Plans	19	118	177	147	213

Not included in these numbers are requests for verification of accreditation sites, new programs, and other types of substantive changes from governmental agencies.

### Number of Unreported Substantive Change Cases (2011-2015)



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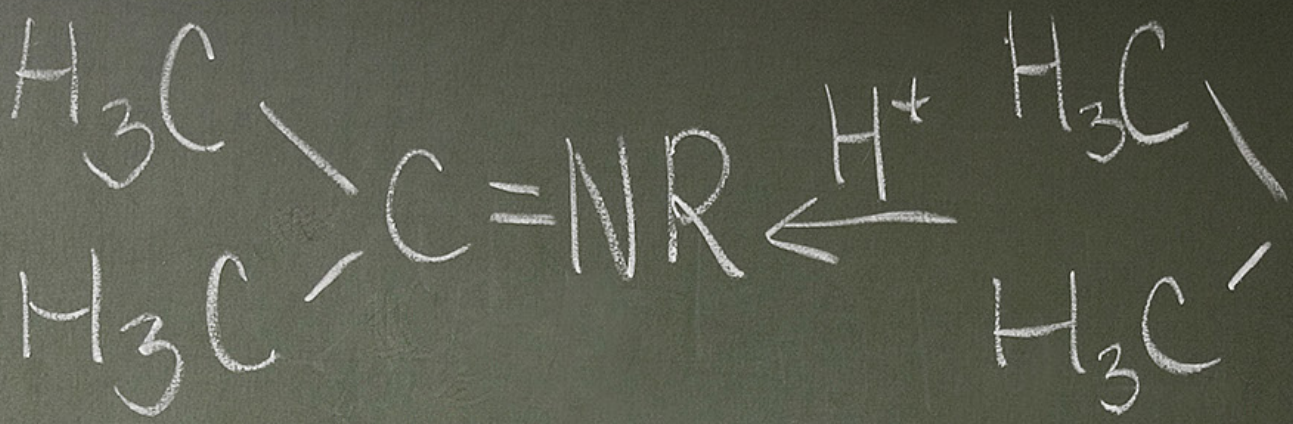
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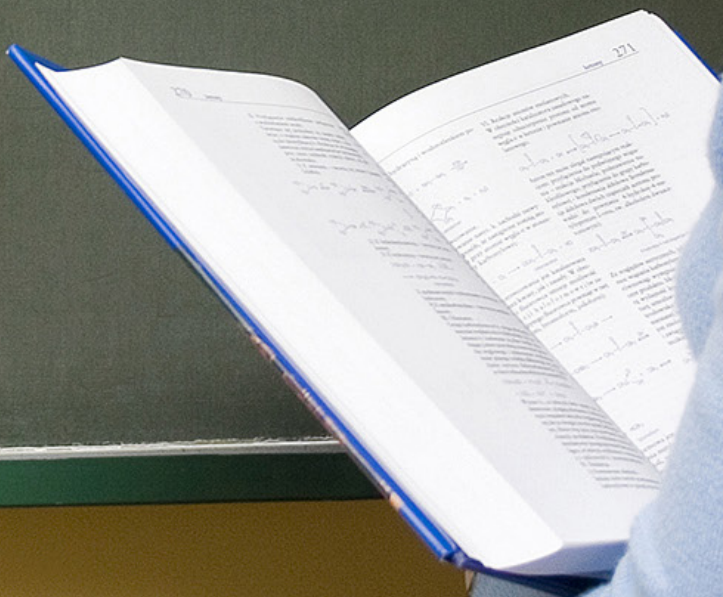
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Sessions of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees,  
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# Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges—June 11, 2015

The SACSCOC Board of Trustees met in Executive Session on Thursday, June 11, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. at the Renaissance Portsmouth Waterfront Hotel in Portsmouth, Virginia. Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, Chair of SACSCOC Board of Trustees and President of Samford University, presided. Dr. Mark Keenum, President of Mississippi State University, served as Vice Chair.

Vice-Chair Keenum called the roll. The following Board members were in attendance:

Rebecca G. Adams, Professor of Sociology and Gerontology, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, North Carolina; James A. Anderson, Chancellor, Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, North Carolina; David L. Beckley, President, Rust College, Holly Springs, Mississippi; Elizabeth M. Bejar, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Florida International University, Miami, Florida; Nathaniel L. Bishop, President, Jefferson College of Health Sciences, Roanoke, Virginia; A. Frank Bonner, President, Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, North Carolina; Ronnie L. Booth, President, Tri-County Technical College, Pendleton, South Carolina; Trina B. Boteler, Executive Vice President, Chattahoochee Technical College, North Metro Campus, Acworth, Georgia; Timothy S. Brophy, Professor, Music Education and Director of Institutional Assessment, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida; Jimmy M. Cairo, Dean, School of Allied Health Professions, LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, Louisiana; W. Todd Carlisle, Esq., Chief Executive Officer, Sirote & Permutt, PC, Birmingham, Alabama; Nancy Clutts, Partner, The Corbin Group, Tavares, Florida; Glenda F. Colagross, Interim President, Southern Union State Community College, Opelika, Alabama; MaryAnn Coleman, President

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The Board approved the minutes of its December 2014 Executive Business Meeting. Copies of the minutes of the December 2014 and March 2015 Executive Council meetings were presented to the Board as information.

## Report from the Chair

Chair Westmoreland reported that during its meetings on June 9–10, 2015, the Executive Council discussed or took action on the following items:

1. Approved the 2015–2016 Commission budget.
2. Received a report from the Commission's investment company, Fifth-Third Investment Management Group.
3. Reviewed staff reports on the following: (1) Small College Initiative session held on April 13, 2015, focusing on the completion agenda; (2) an overview of the strategic plan activities; (3) substantive change activities; (4) training and research summaries on findings from eight surveys; (5) a mid-year update from the Peer Review Advisory Board; and (6) a report from the National Student Clearinghouse Completion & Persistence Metrics as applied to Level I institutions.
4. Reviewed Vision Statement developed by the Council in March and forwarded it to the Board for endorsement: "To serve as the premier model for shaping and ensuring the quality of higher education throughout the world."
5. Reviewed the results of the Transparency Survey sent to the membership to solicit comments regarding examples of how SACSCOC could best publicize actions taken by the Board on the accreditation of institutions. Of the 353 members who completed the survey, 264, or 75%, favored the continued use of SACSCOC current disclosure statement. 18% favored the Commission posting institutional notification letters on the SACSCOC website; and 7% had suggestions other than the two options. The Council decided to continue with its current practice.
6. Announced that Sandra Jordan, Chancellor of the University of South Carolina—Aiken, would chair the Principles Review Committee scheduled to convene fall 2015. This scheduled review of the memberships' accreditation standards will examine relevancy and flexibility of

the standards with the goal of continuing rigor and accountability while supporting innovation and a changing higher education landscape. The Committee will be asked to consider findings/recommendations of several study committees currently reviewing issues that could affect standards and policies; a recently approved interpretation to Core Requirement 2.7.1 dealing with program length; accreditation implications on dual enrollment programs offered for high school students; standards and policies addressing consortial arrangements and contractual agreements; and data received from the National Clearinghouse regarding completion data of SACSCOC institutions for 4-year and 6-year outcomes. The Committee also will solicit comments from the membership and public.

In addition, Chair Westmoreland updated the Board on the appointment of two *ad hoc* committees:

1. At its meeting in March, the Executive Council authorized a committee to review the current structure of the Board of Trustees. The current structure has been in place for 25 years, without study. This Committee, to be composed of current and former board members, will conduct a study to ensure that the composition of the Board adequately represents SACSCOC current membership and continues to effectively support all Board functions. Council member Nancy Moody, President of Tusculum College, will serve as chair of that Committee.
2. Upon the endorsement of the Council, Commission staff has constituted a committee of representatives from our public governing boards/systems for the purpose of soliciting ways to inform systems offices of the work of SACSCOC and to generate discussion on how to support institutions against legislative intrusion and external pressures. A committee, chaired by Council member Ed Meadows, President of Pensacola State College, met on April 30, 2015, and the meeting resulted

in a number of ideas. A white paper will be developed and submitted to the Council at its meeting in December.

The Chair called on SACSCOC legal counsel, Mr. Patrick McKee, to update the Board on current litigation and other legal matters.

The Chair also recognized the retirement of Board members Karen Helm who had served three, three-year terms on the Board and Katharine Johnson, who completed two, three-year terms.

### Report from the President

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President of SACS Commission on Colleges, thanked Board members and staff for their support and assistance. She expressed appreciation to the Council and C&R readers for their diligence and time in preparing for and making decisions regarding policies and the accreditation of institutions. She presented the Commission's budget and thanked the Council for its continuing support of her leadership.

### Actions on the Accreditation of Institutions

At its meeting on June 11, 2015, the SACSCOC Board of Trustees took the following actions regarding the accreditation status of institutions. The list *does not include* the names of institutions required only to submit additional monitoring, referral, or special reports, unless the review resulted in a negative or an adverse action.

#### The Board reaffirmed the accreditation of the following institutions:

- **Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences**, Memphis, Tenn.
- **Birmingham-Southern College**, Birmingham, Ala.
- **Bishop State Community College**, Mobile, Ala.

- **Blinn College**, Brenham, Tex.
- **Blue Ridge Community College**, Weyers Cave, Va.
- **Catawba Valley Community College**, Hickory, N.C.
- **Central Alabama Community College**, Alexander City, Ala.
- **Central Texas College**, Killeen, Tex.
- **Central Virginia Community College**, Lynchburg, Va.
- **Clear Creek Baptist Bible College**, Pineville, Ky.
- **Collin College**, McKinney, Tex.
- **Columbus Technical College**, Columbus, Ga.
- **Copiah-Lincoln Community College**, Wesson, Miss.
- **Denmark Technical College**, Denmark, S.C.
- **Edward Waters College**, Jacksonville, Fla.
- **Galveston College**, Galveston, Tex.
- **Guilford Technical Community College**, Jamestown, N.C.
- **Jarvis Christian College**, Hawkins, Tex.
- **Judson College**, Marion, Ala.
- **Lamar Institute of Technology**, Beaumont, Tex.
- **Lamar State College-Orange**, Orange, Tex.
- **Lees-McRae College**, Banner Elk, N.C.
- **Louisiana State University at Alexandria**, Alexandria, La.
- **Marion Military Institute**, Marion, Ala.
- **Mayland Community College**, Spruce Pine, N.C.
- **Miami Dade College**, Miami, Fla.
- **Mid-Atlantic Christian University**, Elizabeth City, N.C.
- **North Florida Community College**, Madison, Fla.
- **Northeast Alabama Community College**, Rainsville, Ala.
- **South College**, Knoxville, Tenn.

- **Southwest Tennessee Community College**, Memphis, Tenn.
- **Stanly Community College**, Albemarle, N.C.
- **State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota**, Bradenton, Fla.
- **Tallahassee Community College**, Tallahassee, Fla.
- **Texas State Technical College—Harlingen**, Harlingen, Tex.
- **Texas State Technical College—West Texas**, Sweetwater, Tex.
- **Wake Technical Community College**, Raleigh, N.C.
- **Wallace State Community College**, Hanceville, Ala.
- **Watkins College of Art, Design & Film**, Nashville, Tenn.
- **Wilson Community College**, Wilson, N.C.
- **Wiregrass Georgia Technical College**, Valdosta, Ga.

**The Board reaffirmed the accreditation of the following institution and removed it from sanction:**

- **Cleveland State Community College**, Cleveland, Tenn. (removed from Warning)

**The Board granted initial accreditation as a separate entity to each of the following institutions:**

- **Southern University Law Center**, Baton Rouge, La. (Level V)
- **The University of Tennessee Health Science Center**, Memphis, Tenn. (Level VI)

**The Board granted candidacy status to the following institution (Candidacy is effective June 11, 2015):**

- **Oconee Fall Line Technical College**, Sandersville, Ga. (Level I)

**The Board authorized a Candidate Committee visit to the following institution:**

- **Northeast Lakeview College**, Universal City, Tex. (Level I)

**The Board accredited the following member institutions at a new or a more advanced degree level:**

- **Athens State University**, Athens, Ala.— Moved from Level II to Level III offering the Master of Science in Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management (Effective: January 2016)
- **Bainbridge State College**, Bainbridge, Ga.— Moved from Level I to Level II offering the Bachelor of Science with a major in Management (Effective: Fall 2015)
- **Georgia Military College**, Milledgeville, Ga.— Moved from Level I to Level II offering the Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management, and in Business Management (Effective: October 2015)
- **Jefferson College of Health Sciences**, Roanoke, Va.— Moved from Level III to Level V offering the Doctor of Health Sciences, Doctor of Nursing Practice, and Doctor of Occupational Therapy (Effective: Fall 2016)
- **Milligan College**, Milligan College, Tenn.— Moved from Level III to Level V offering the Doctor of Ministry (Effective: July 2015)
- **Wayland Baptist University**, Plainview, Tex.— Moved from Level III to Level V offering the Doctor of Management (Effective: August 2015)

**The Board approved the following substantive changes:**

- **Erskine College**, Due West, S.C.— Approved the online delivery of the Master of Arts in Theological Studies (Effective: Fall 2015)
- **Keiser University**, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.— Approved the acquisition of an off-campus instructional site—Northwood University (Effective: July 2015)

- **Lord Fairfax Community College**, Middletown, Va.— Approved the following competency-based direct assessment programs: Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Management; Associate of Applied Science in Information Systems Technology; Certificates in Office Systems Assistant, Cyber Security, Hospital Facility Coding, Information Processing Technician, and in Networking Specialist (Effective: August 2015)

**The Board accepted the prospectus for merger/consolidation of the following institutions:**

- **South College**, Knoxville, Tenn.— Accepted the prospectus for the merger/consolidation of South College and South College—Asheville

**The Board approved the merger/consolidation of the following institutions:**

- **Milligan College**, Milligan College, Tenn.— The merger/consolidation of Milligan College and Emmanuel Christian Seminary, Johnson City, Tenn. (Effective: July 2015)
- **Southern Regional Technical College**, Thomasville, Ga.— The merger/consolidation of Southwest Georgia Technical College with Moultrie Technical College, Moultrie, Ga., to be called Southern Regional Technical College (Effective: July 2015)
- **Texas State Technical College**, Waco, Tex.— The merger/consolidation of Texas State Technical College Harlingen, Texas State Technical College Waco, Texas State Technical College Marshall, and Texas State Technical College West Texas, to be called Texas State Technical College (Effective: July 10, 2015)

**The Board continued the accreditation of the following institutions after a Substantive Change Committee conducted an on-site review of a previously approved change:**

- **Asbury University**, Wilmore, Ky.— Review of the Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) in Principal Preparation/Instructional/Educational Leadership program
- **Cedar Valley College**, Lancaster, Tex.— Review of an off-campus instructional site: Kathlyn Joy Gilliam Academy, Dallas, Tex.
- **Coastal Carolina University**, Conway, S.C.— Review of membership at Level V, offering the Ph.D. in Marine Science: Coastal and Marine Systems Science
- **Duke University**, Durham, N.C.— (1) Review of Master of Management Science, Master of Science in Global Health, Master of Science in Medical Physics, and undergraduate study abroad courses offered at the off-campus instructional site in Kunshan, China, and (2) Review of the joint degree agreement with the National University of Singapore for the Doctor of Medicine offered at an off-campus instructional site in Singapore. The review was conducted as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report.
- **El Paso County Community College District**, El Paso, Tex.— Review of 12 off-campus instructional sites offering dual enrollment: El Paso High School, El Paso; Canutillo High School, Canutillo; Cathedral High School, El Paso; Coronado High School, El Paso; Hanks High School, El Paso; and Eastwood High School, El Paso. The Committee also recommended approval of The Center for Career and Technology Education, an off-campus instructional site located in El Paso, Tex.
- **Florida Southern College**, Lakeland, Fla.— Review of membership at Level V offering the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership
- **Galveston College**, Galveston, Tex.— Review of a dual enrollment off-campus instructional site: Ball High School, Galveston, Tex.



- **George Mason University**, Fairfax, Va.— Review of a branch campus: Songdo Campus, Incheon, Korea
- **Haywood Community College**, Clyde, N.C.— Review of the following off-campus instructional site conducted as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report: Pisgah High School, Canton, N.C.
- **Henderson Community College**, Henderson, Ky.— Review of an off-campus instructional site: Herron Center, Morganfield, Ky.
- **Jefferson State Community College**, Birmingham, Ala.— Review of the following off-campus instructional sites: Chilton-Clanton Center, Clanton, Alabama and St. Clair-Pell City Center, Pell City, Ala.
- **Kilgore College**, Kilgore, Tex.— Review of the following off-campus instructional site conducted as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report: Hallsville High School, Hallsville, Tex.
- **King University**, Bristol, Tenn.— Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Nursing Practice
- **Mary Baldwin College**, Staunton, Va.— Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Physical Therapy and the Doctor of Occupational Therapy at an off-campus instructional site located in Fishersville, Va.
- **Palm Beach Atlantic University**, West Palm Beach, Fla.— Review of the following off-campus instructional site: Memorial Presbyterian Church, West Palm Beach, Fla.
- **Pasco-Hernando State College**, New Port Richey, Fla.— Review of a new branch campus: The Porter Campus at Wiregrass Ranch in Wesley Chapel, Fla.
- **River Parishes Community College**, Gonzales, La.— Review of the following Louisiana off-campus instructional sites conducted as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report: Lutcher High School, Lutcher; St. James High School, St. James; St. James Science and Math Academy, Vacherie; and St. James Career and Technology Center, Lutcher
- **Rappahannock Community College**, Glens, Va.— Review of the following Virginia off-campus instructional sites conducted as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report: King George High School, King George; Kilmarnock Center, Kilmarnock; Gloucester High School, Gloucester; Bridging Communities Regional Career Technical Center, New Kent; Lancaster High School, Lancaster; Mathews High School, Mathews; and West Point High School, West Point
- **Rollins College**, Winter Park, Fla.— Review of membership at Level V offering the Executive Doctorate in Business Administration
- **South Florida State College**, Avon Park, Fla.— Review of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and the Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education
- **Southeastern Technical College**, Vidalia, Ga.— Review of program expansion to include the Associate of Science in Nursing program
- **Southeastern University**, Lakeland, Fla.— Review of (1) membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Education and (2) the Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- **Southwestern Assemblies of God University**, Waxahachie, Tex.— Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctorate of Ministry in Leadership and Creative Communication
- **Texas State Technical College Marshall**, Marshall, Tex.— Review of an off-campus instructional site: Texas State Technical College North Texas Center, Red Oak, Tex.
- **Texas Wesleyan University**, Fort Worth, Tex.— Review of the following off-campus instructional sites where the Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia is offered to students via two-way interactive video: (1) On-Site Reviews—Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton, Ohio; St. Elizabeth Medical Center & Bethesda North Hospital and Good Samaritan Hospital, Edgewood, Ky.; Mobile

Infirmity Medical Center, Mobile, Ala.; (2) Virtual Reviews—Stormont-Vail Healthcare, Topeka, Kans.; St. Alexius Medical Center, Bismarck, N.D.; Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, Colton, Calif.; and Denver Health Medical Center and University of Colorado Medical Center, Englewood, Colo.

- **Truett-McConnell College**, Cleveland, Ga.— Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Arts in Theology
- **Wayland Baptist University**, Plainview, Tex.— Review of the following off-campus instructional sites conducted as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report: Doyon Facility, Fairbanks, Alaska; Alamo University Center, Live Oak, Tex.; San Antonio Campus at the University Center at Harlingen, Harlingen, Tex.; and Valley Baptist Mission Education Center, Harlingen, Tex.
- **Western Piedmont Community College**, Morganton, N.C.— Review of an off-campus instructional site: Foothills Higher Education Center, Morganton, N.C.

## Sanctions and other Negative Actions

**The Board denied approval to offer educational programs at a new or more advanced degree level for the following member institutions:**

- **Middle Georgia State College**, Macon, Ga.— Denied approval of membership at Level III to offer the Master of Information Technology. 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 to include student learning outcomes), Comprehensive Standard 3.6.4 (Post-baccalaureate program requirements), and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

**The Board denied approval of substantive change for the following member institutions:**

- **The Art Institute of Atlanta**, Atlanta, Ga.— Denied approval of the following baccalaureate programs: Bachelor of Fine Arts in Professional Writing for Creative Arts, Bachelor of Arts in Instructional Technology and Design, Bachelor of Arts in Marketing and Entertainment Management, and Bachelor of Science in Software Development for Creative Technologies. 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, to include student learning outcomes), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.11 (Academic program coordination), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.4 (Terminal degrees of faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.11.3 (Physical facilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.
- **The Art Institute of Houston**, Houston, Tex.— Denied approval of the following baccalaureate programs: Bachelor of Science in Marketing and Entertainment Management, Bachelor of Science in Instructional Technology and Design, and the Bachelor of Science in Software Development for Creative Technologies. 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, to include student learning outcomes), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.11 (Academic program coordination), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.4 (Terminal degrees of faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence), and Comprehensive

Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

- **Bryan College**, Dayton, Tenn.— Denied approval of a waiver of Comprehensive Standard 3.5.2 (Institutional credits for a degree) to teach out students from Tennessee Temple University, an institution not accredited by SACSCOC with a scheduled closing of June 2015. The institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure that it has the capability to comply with the following standard as it relates to the substantive change: Comprehensive Standard 3.5.2 (Institutional credits for a degree) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.
- **ECPI University**, Virginia Beach, Va.— Denied approval to acquire the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program and a branch campus from Remington College in Lake Mary, Fla. 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 apply to the substantive change: Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: educational programs, to include student learning outcomes), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.3 (Admissions policies), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.4 (Acceptance of academic credit), and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.
- **Miami International University of Art & Design**, Miami, Fla.— Denied approval of the following baccalaureate programs: (1) Bachelor of Fine Arts in Professional Writing for Creative Arts, (2) Bachelor of Science in Instructional Technology and Design, (3) Bachelor of Science in Marketing and Entertainment Management, and (4) Bachelor of Science in Software Development for Creative Technologies. 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, to include student learning outcomes), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.11 (Academic program coordination), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.4 (Terminal degrees of faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

- **Shorter University**, Rome, Ga.— Denied approval of a waiver of Comprehensive Standard 3.5.2 (Institutional credits for a degree) to teach out students from Tennessee Temple University, an institution not accredited by SACSCOC, with a scheduled closing of June 2015. The institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure that it has the capability to comply with the following standard as it relates to the substantive change: Comprehensive Standard 3.5.2 (Institutional credits for a degree) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.
- **South University**, Savannah, Ga.— Denied approval of the following baccalaureate programs: (1) Bachelor of Fine Arts in Professional Writing for Creative Arts to be offered at Art Institute of Dallas, (2) Bachelor of Arts in Instructional Technology and Design to be offered at the Art Institute of Dallas, (3) Bachelor of Arts in Marketing and Entertainment Management to be offered at the Art Institute of Dallas, and (4) Bachelor of Science in Software Development for Creative Technologies to be offered at the Art Institute of Dallas. 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 for the approval: Comprehensive Standard 3.5.4 (Terminal degrees of faculty), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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

- **St. Catharine College**, St. Catharine, Ky.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.2 (Financial aid audits), Comprehensive Standard 3.13.3 (Policy compliance: Complaint procedures against SACSCOC or its accredited institutions), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.
- **Tuskegee University**, Tuskegee, Ala.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing board), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.11 (Academic program coordination), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.2 (Financial aid audits), Comprehensive Standard 3.13.1 (Policy compliance: Complaint procedures against SACSCOC or its accredited institutions), Federal Requirement 4.1 (Student achievement), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.
- **Virginia State University**, Petersburg, Va.— For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.11 (Academic program coordination), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.2 (Financial aid audits), Federal Requirement 4.5 (Student complaints), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

**The Board continued the accreditation of the following institutions and continued them on Warning:**

- **Alabama State University**, Montgomery, Ala.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), 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*.
- **Allen University**, Columbia, S.C.— For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing board), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of sponsored research/external funds) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.
- **Kentucky Wesleyan College**, Owensboro, Ky.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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

- **The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**, Chapel Hill, N.C.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Principle 1.1 (Integrity), Core Requirement 2.7.2 (Program content), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.11 (Control of intercollegiate athletics), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.9

(Academic support services), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.4 (Academic freedom), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.5 (Faculty role in governance), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The Committee authorized a Special Committee to visit the institution.

#### **The Board continued the accreditation of the following institution and continued it on Probation:**

- **Louisiana College**, Pineville, La.— For six months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.2.4 (External influence) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

#### **The Board continued accreditation for Good Cause and placed the following institutions on Probation:**

- **Bauder College**, Atlanta, Ga.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The Committee authorized a Special Committee to visit the institution.
- **Bluefield College**, Bluefield, Va.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs) and Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.3 (Institutional effectiveness: academic and student support services) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The Committee authorized a Special Committee to visit the institution.

#### **The Board continued accreditation for Good Cause and continued the following institutions on Probation:**

- **Paine College**, Augusta, Ga.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of sponsored research/external funds) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The Committee authorized a Special Committee to visit the institution.
- **South Carolina State University**, Orangeburg, S.C.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), 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*. The Committee authorized a Special Committee to visit the institution.

In accordance with the “Standing Rules of SACS Commission on Colleges,” members of the Board abstained from vote on the accreditation status of their respective institutions, affiliated institutions, and any other identified or recognized conflicts of interest.

In the absence of Andrea Mayfield, Chair of the Committee to Review Fifth-Year Interim Reports, Glenda Colagross, C&R Chair, reported on the review of 42 Track B institutions that make up the 2019 reaffirmation class.

There being no further business, Chair Westmoreland adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

# Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges—December 6, 2015

The SACSCOC Board of Trustees met in Executive Session on Sunday, December 6, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. at the Hilton Americas-Houston, Houston, Texas. Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, Chair of SACSCOC Board of Trustees and President of Samford University, presided. Dr. Mark Keenum, President of Mississippi State University, served as Vice Chair.

Vice-Chair Keenum called the roll. The following Board members were in attendance: Rebecca G. Adams, Professor of Sociology and Gerontology, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, North Carolina; David L. Beckley, President, Rust College, Holly Springs, Mississippi; Elizabeth M. Bejar, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Florida International University, Miami, Florida; Nathaniel L. Bishop, President, Jefferson College of Health Sciences, Roanoke, Virginia; A. Frank Bonner, President, Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, North Carolina; Ronnie L. Booth, President, Tri-County Technical College, Pendleton, South Carolina; Trina B. Boteler, Executive Vice President, Chattahoochee Technical College, North Metro Campus, Acworth, Georgia; Timothy S. Brophy, Professor, Music Education and Director of Institutional Assessment, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida; Jimmy M. Cairo, Dean, School of Allied Health Professions, LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, Louisiana; Nancy Clutts, Partner, The Corbin Group, Tavares, Florida; Glenda F. Colagross, Interim President, Southern Union State Community College, Opelika, Alabama; MaryAnn Coleman, President and CEO, Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Kandi W. Deitemeyer, President, College of The Albemarle,

Elizabeth City, North Carolina; Ruth S. Feiock, Assistant Vice President, Planning and Programs, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida; Benito Flores, Dean, Division of Engineering and Technology, Universidad de Monterrey, San Pedro Garza Garcia, Mexico; Judy T. Gooch, Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Richard J. Gough, President, Technical College of the Lowcountry, Beaufort, South Carolina; Mary S. Graham, President, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Perkinston, Mississippi; Nancy Oliver Gray, President, Hollins University, Roanoke, Virginia; Kimberely B. Hall, Executive Vice President/Provost, South College, Knoxville, Tennessee; Natalie J. Harder, Chancellor, South Louisiana Community College, Lafayette, Louisiana; Sandra S. Harper, President, McMurry University, Abilene, Texas; Billy C. Hawkins, President, Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama; Marcia A. Hawkins, President, Union College, Barbourville, Kentucky; Brenda L. Hellyer, Chancellor, San Jacinto College, Pasadena, Texas; W. Briggs Hopson, III, Esq., MS State Senator for District 23, Partner, Teller, Hassell & Hopson, Vicksburg, Mississippi; Larry D. Hostetter, President, Brescia University, Owensboro, Kentucky; Dana L. Hoyt, President, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas; Jairy C. Hunter, Jr., President, Charleston Southern University, Charleston, South Carolina; Thomas J. Hynes, Jr., President, Clayton State University, Morrow, Georgia; G. David Johnson, Provost and Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama; Peter Grant Jordan, President, Tarrant County College—South Campus, Fort Worth, Texas; Sandra J. Jordan, Chancellor, University of South Carolina—Aiken, Aiken, South Carolina; Brenda

S. Kays, President, Stanly Community College, Albemarle, North Carolina; Mark E. Keenum, President, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Mississippi; Flavius C. Killebrew, President/CEO, Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, Texas; Chuck Knepfle, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina; S. Craig Long, Performance Solutions by Milliken Fellow, Milliken Corporation, Spartanburg, South Carolina; S. David Mash, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Lander University, Greenwood, South Carolina; Terry M. McConathy, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana; Betty A. McCrohan, President, Wharton County Junior College, Wharton, Texas; Johnette McKown, President, McLennan Community College, Waco, Texas; Charles Edward Meadows, President, Pensacola State College, Pensacola, Florida; Carolyn W. Meyers, President, Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi; Charles R. Mojock, President, Lake-Sumter State College, Leesburg, Florida; Nancy B. Moody, President, Tusculum College, Greeneville, Tennessee; Joseph (“Jay”) A. Morgan, Vice President for Academic Affairs/CPE, Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky; Bruce T. Murphy, President, Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, Louisiana; M. Duane Nellis, President, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas; John Randolph Nelson, Attorney at Law, Lynchburg, Virginia; James S. Netherton, Executive Vice President for Administration and Finance, Mercer University, Macon, Georgia; D. Ray Perren, President, Lanier Technical College, Oakwood, Georgia; Alfred Rankins, Jr., President, Alcorn State University, Lorman, Mississippi; Brenda Hyde Rogers, Education Consultant, Retired, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Edward L. Schrader, President, Brenau University, Gainesville, Georgia; Madison C. Silvert, President/CEO, Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation, Owensboro, Kentucky; John S. Smarrelli, Jr.,

President, Christian Brothers University, Memphis, Tennessee; Loren E. Swartzendruber, President, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia; Linda K. Thomas-Glover, President, Eastern Shore Community College, Melfa, Virginia; John G. Thornell, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, University of North Alabama, Florence, Alabama; L. Anthony Wise, Jr., President, Pellissippi State Community College, Knoxville, Tennessee; T. Andrew Westmoreland, President, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama; Daniel A. Wubah, Provost, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia; and Alissa L. Young, Chief Academic Affairs Officer, Hopkinsville Community College, Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

The following Board members were not in attendance: James A. Anderson, Chancellor, Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, North Carolina; James B. Borsig, President, Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, Mississippi; W. Todd Carlisle, Esq., Chief Executive Officer, Sirote & Permutt, PC, Birmingham, Alabama; Joseph A. DiPietro, President, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee; and Timothy P. McNamara, Vice Provost for Faculty and International Affairs, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

A special welcome was extended to James Borsig, Madison Silvert, and Alissa Young, newly-appointed members of the Board of Trustees.

The Board approved the minutes of its June 2015 Executive Business Session. Copies of the minutes of the June 2015 Executive Council meeting were presented to the Board as information.

## Report from the Chair

Chair Westmoreland reported to the Board that during sessions on December 4–6, 2015, the Executive Council reviewed the following reports/took the following actions:

- The Council reviewed and commented on the following staff reports: Annual Applicant and Candidate Institutions Report, Annual Report on

Substantive Change, the SACSCOC Peer Review Advisory Board Report, Research from the Office of Training and Research, and an update on SACSCOC Strategic Plan.

- The Council received and approved the 2015 audit and the 990 Form.
- The Council received a report from its Investment Committee, chaired by Council member Flavius Killebrew, and reported on the Investment Review from the Fifth Third Institutional Services, SACSCOC's investment company.
- The Council received a report from its Audit and Finance Committee, chaired by Council member Ed Meadows.
- The Council received the Report of the SACSCOC Systems Committee. This Committee, comprised of representatives from governance systems in each of SACSCOC 11 states, is charged to study operational issues from the system that affect how SACSCOC accredited institutions work with the Commission. SACSCOC accredits institutions, not systems. But some issues of institutional compliance are affected by systems procedures and policies. During the Annual Meeting, the Committee met to receive feedback from the Council. An updated Working Paper will be referred to the Council at its spring meeting. Council member Terry McConathy will chair the committee, replacing Ed Meadows, who rotates off the Board December 31, 2015.
- The Council received a Report from the Committee to Study the SACSCOC Board Structure. This Committee, comprised of retired Board members and Chairs, was charged to conduct a study of the composition of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees to ensure that it represents the current membership, and to submit a report to the Council and the Board for review with final recommendations forwarded to the membership in December 2016. It has been 25 years since such a study was conducted. The recommendation of the Council will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees at its meeting

in June 2016. Council member Nancy Moody chairs the committee.

- The Council received a preliminary report from the newly-appointed *Principles Review* Committee and voted to extend their work by one year so that the membership receives and votes on recommended changes to the standards in December 2017. Initially, the Committee was to provide recommendations to the Board in June 2016 and to the membership in December 2016; however, because Congress has not yet reauthorized the Higher Education Act and it is very likely that the change in law and its attending regulations will affect SACSCOC standards, the Council voted to extend the study. Council member Sandra Jordan chairs the Committee.
- The Council reviewed three policies and one guideline statement and forwarded them to the Board for final action.
- The Council took action on the Reports of the Committees on Compliance and Reports and forwarded the Reports to the Board for final action. No changes were made to the recommendations.

In addition, Chair Westmoreland called on SACSCOC legal counsel, Mr. Patrick McKee, for a report to the Board.

Chair Westmoreland also confirmed the 2016 meeting dates of the Board: Spring Meeting of the Executive Council—March 15–17, Myrtle Beach, S.C.; Summer Meeting—June 13–16, Memphis, Tenn.; and Annual Meeting—December 2–7, Atlanta, Ga.

### **Recognition of Outgoing SACSCOC Board of Trustees**

The Chair recognized Board members whose terms expire December 2015 and commended them for their many contributions. Retiring Trustees included the following: Trina Boteler, Todd Carlisle, MaryAnn Coleman, Benito Flores, Judy Gooch, Jairy Hunter, Ed Meadows, Chuck



Mojock, and Brenda Hyde Rogers. Belle S. Wheelan, President of SACSCOC, presented gifts of appreciation to each of the retiring members for their many years of service on the Board. She also presented a special gift in appreciation of the leadership of Chair Andrew Westmoreland, who completed seven years as a Board member and two years as Chair of the Board.

### **Report from the SACSCOC President**

Wheelan continued with her presentation by expressing her appreciation to all Board members and C&R Chairs for their dedication and service and for their support. She updated the Board on financial and budget issues, investments, the strategic plan, new administrative staff, the activities of the Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions, and the Summer Institute. She also presented an overview of the issues regarding the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act and the focus on regional accreditation.

### **Report of the Nominating Committee regarding Nominees to the Board of Trustees and Election of the 2016 Executive Council**

The Board of Trustees reviewed the slate of nominees presented by the SACSCOC's Nominating Committee, chaired by Dr. William Luckey, President, Lindsey Wilson College, and approved the following list of Board members to serve on the 2016 Executive Council of SACSCOC Board of Trustees: Mark E. Keenum, President, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Mississippi (Chair); Nancy B. Moody, President, Tusculum College, Greeneville, Tennessee (Vice Chair); A. Frank Bonner, President, Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, North Carolina; Franklyn M. Casale, President, St. Thomas University, Miami Gardens, Florida; Billy C. Hawkins, President, Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama; W. Briggs

Hopson, III, Attorney, Teller, Hassell & Hopson, Vicksburg, Mississippi (Public Representative); Larry D. Hostetter, President, Brescia University, Owensboro, Kentucky; Sandra J. Jordan, Chancellor, University of South Carolina—Aiken, Aiken, South Carolina; Flavius C. Killebrew, President, Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, Texas; Terry M. McConathy, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana; D. Ray Perren, President, Lanier Technical College, Oakwood, Georgia; Alfred Rankins, Jr., President, Alcorn State University, Lorman, Mississippi; and Linda K. Thomas-Glover, President, Eastern Shore Community College, Melfa, Virginia.

The reports from the SACSCOC Nominating Committee regarding nominees to the SACSCOC Board of Trustees, the Appeals Committee of the College Delegate Assembly, and the SACS Board of Trustees were presented as information and have been forwarded to the College Delegate Assembly for final vote. Chair Westmoreland thanked the members of the 2015 Executive Council for coordinating the nominating processes in their respective states.

### **Report of the Nominating Committee for Chairs of the 2016 Committees on Compliance and Reports**

SACSCOC Nominating Committee for Chairs of the Committees on Compliance and Reports, chaired by Board member Trina Boteler and comprised of select Board members completing their final terms at this meeting, presented its slate of nominees. The Board approved the following members to serve as chairs of the Committees on Compliance and Reports for 2016:

- For re-election: Timothy Brophy, University of Florida, Florida; Glenda Colagross, Southern Union State University, Alabama; Nancy Oliver Gray, Hollins University, Virginia; and Sandra Harper, McMurry University, Texas.

- For election: Timothy McNamara, Vanderbilt University, Tennessee and Bruce Murphy, Nicholls State University, Louisiana

### **Actions on SACSCOC Policies, Procedures, and Best Practices**

The SACSCOC Board of Trustees took the following actions regarding Commission policies, procedures, and best practices:

1. "Guidelines for Addressing Requests for Data/ Research Assistance." The new guidelines outline the protocol and disclosure procedures for research assistance provided by SACSCOC to graduate students from SACSCOC-accredited institutions and faculty members working on scholarly projects directly related to accreditation topics.
2. "Accreditation Procedures for Applicant Institutions." The revised policy focuses exclusively on applicant institutions with no status with the Commission. The changes remove references to procedures for components of current SACSCOC-accredited institutions that are seeking separate accreditation.
3. "Separate Accreditation for Units of a Member Institution." The revised policy focuses exclusively on units of SACSCOC-accredited institutions that are seeking separate accreditation from the parent campus. The policy includes all procedures relating to separate accreditation and excludes all references to procedures that were formerly part of the policy for applicant institutions. In addition, it streamlines the process for a unit now accredited through its affiliation with its parent campus but wants to seek separation.
4. "Mergers, Consolidations, Change of Ownership, Acquisitions, and Change of Governance, Control, Form, or Legal Status." The revised policy allows a newly-merged institution to maintain the reaffirmation cycle of the major component when the merged

institutions, or the major component of the newly-merged institution, have successfully attained reaffirmation of accreditation within three years of SACSCOC Board approval of the merger. When this is not the case, the newly-merged entity will continue to be required to seek reaffirmation of accreditation within five years of approval of the merger.

### **Actions on the Accreditation of Institutions**

The Board of Trustees of SACSCOC took the following actions regarding the accreditation status of institutions reviewed in December 2015. 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 Board reaffirmed the accreditation of the following institutions:**

- **Amridge University**, Montgomery, Ala.
- **Asbury Theological Seminary**, Wilmore, Ky.
- **Ave Maria University**, Ave Maria, Fla.
- **Blue Mountain College**, Blue Mountain, Miss.
- **Catawba College**, Salisbury, N.C.
- **Coker College**, Hartsville, S.C.
- **Everglades University**, Boca Raton, Fla.
- **Florida Gulf Coast University**, Fort Myers, Fla.
- **Florida Institute of Technology**, Melbourne, Fla.
- **Fundación Universidad de las Américas—Puebla**, Puebla, Mex.
- **Georgia Institute of Technology**, Atlanta, Ga.
- **Georgia Southern University**, Statesboro, Ga.
- **Lee University**, Cleveland, Tenn.
- **Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center**, New Orleans, La. (Includes approval of the alternative approach to compliance with CR 2.7.4)

- **Louisiana State University in Shreveport**, Shreveport, La.
- **Louisiana Tech University**, Ruston, La.
- **Marine Corps University**, Quantico, Va.
- **Mercer University**, Macon, Ga.
- **Midway University**, Midway, Ky.
- **Rollins College**, Winter Park, Fla.
- **Southeastern Louisiana University**, Hammond, La.
- **Sullivan University**, Louisville, Ky.
- **Texas A&M International University**, Laredo, Tex.
- **Texas A&M University—Kingsville**, Kingsville, Tex.
- **Texas Tech University**, Lubbock, Tex.
- **Union College**, Barboursville, Ky.
- **The University of Alabama**, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
- **The University of Alabama at Birmingham**, Birmingham, Ala.
- **University of the Incarnate Word**, San Antonio, Tex.
- **The University of Memphis**, Memphis, Tenn.
- **University of New Orleans**, New Orleans, La.
- **University of South Florida**, Tampa, Fla.
- **University of St. Thomas**, Houston, Tex.
- **The University of Tampa**, Tampa, Fla.
- **The University of Tennessee**, Knoxville, Tenn.
- **University of West Florida**, Pensacola, Fla.
- **Warren Wilson College**, Asheville, N.C.
- **Wesleyan College**, Macon, Ga.
- **Western Kentucky University**, Bowling Green, Ky.

**The Board reaffirmed the accreditation of the following institutions and removed them from Probation:**

- **Erskine College**, Due West, S.C.
- **Interdenominational Theological Center**, Atlanta, Ga.

**The Board granted initial accreditation as a separate entity to the following institution:**

- **Texas Southmost College**, Brownsville, Tex. (Level I)

**The Board granted initial accreditation to the following institution:**

- **The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler**, Tyler, Tex. (Level III)

**The Board accredited the following member institutions at a new or a more advanced degree level:**

- **Adventist University of Health Sciences**, Orlando, Fla.— Moved from Level III to Level V offering the Doctor of Physical Therapy (Effective: May 2016)
- **Concordia University Texas**, Austin, Tex.— Moved from Level III to Level V offering the Doctorate in Education (Effective: August 2016)
- **Flagler College**, St. Augustine, Fla.— Moved from Level II to Level III offering the Master in Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (Effective: August 2016)
- **Houston Baptist University**, Houston, Tex.— Moved from Level III to Level V offering the Doctor of Education in Executive Educational Leadership (Effective: Fall 2016)
- **Middle Georgia State University**, Macon, Ga.— Moved from Level II to Level III offering the Master of Science in Information Technology and the Master of Science in Nursing (Effective: January 2016)
- **New College of Florida**, Sarasota, Fla.— Moved from Level II to Level III offering the Master in Data Science (Effective: February 2016)
- **Tallahassee Community College**, Tallahassee, Fla.— Moved from Level I to Level II offering the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Effective: March 2016)
- **Welch College**, Nashville, Tenn.— Moved from Level II to Level III offering the Master

of Arts in Theology and Ministry (Effective: February 2016)

### The Board approved the following substantive changes:

- **Alabama Community College System**, Montgomery, Ala.— Approved a change in governance for the following institutions moving from the Alabama State Board of Education to the Alabama Community College System: Alabama Southern Community College, Monroeville; Beville State Community College, Jasper; Bishop State Community College, Mobile; Calhoun Community College, Tanner; Central Alabama Community College, Alexander City; Chattahoochee Valley Community College, Phenix City; Enterprise State Community College, Enterprise; Gadsden State Community College, Gadsden; George C. Wallace Community College, Dothan; George Corley Wallace State Community College (Wallace Community College Selma), Selma; H. Councill Trenholm State Community College, Montgomery; J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College, Huntsville; James H. Faulkner State Community College, Bay Minette; Jefferson Davis Community College, Brewton; Jefferson State Community College, Birmingham; Lurleen B. Wallace Community College, Andalusia; Marion Military Institute, Marion; Northeast Alabama Community College, Rainsville; Northwest-Shoals Community College, Muscle Shoals; Shelton State Community College, Tuscaloosa; Snead State Community College, Boaz; Southern Union State Community College, Wadley; T.A. Lawson State Community College, Birmingham; and Wallace State Community College Hanceville, Hanceville.
- **Flagler College**, St. Augustine, Fla.— Approved to offer 50% or more of any approved programs through distance learning.
- **Regent University**, Virginia Beach, Va.— Approved the Master of Theology degree requiring 24 credit hours.

- **Texas Southern University**, Houston, Tex.— Approved the L.L.M. in Immigration Law requiring 24 credit hours.

### The Board accepted the following institution's prospectus for an acquisition:

- **ECPI University**, Virginia Beach, Va.— Accepted the prospectus for the acquisition of a branch campus from Remington College (a non-SACSCOC accredited institution), Lake Mary, Fla., which includes its School of Nursing. (Effective: June 2016)

### The Board approved the merger/consolidation of the following institutions:

- **Baton Rouge Community College**, Baton Rouge, La.— Approved the merger/consolidation of Baton Rouge Community College and Capital Area Technical College (a non-SACSCOC accredited institution) to be called Baton Rouge Community College. (Effective: December 2015)
- **Georgia State University**, Atlanta, Ga.— Approved the merger/consolidation of Georgia State University and Georgia Perimeter College. (Effective: January 2016)

### The Board continued the accreditation of the following institutions after a Substantive Change Committee conducted an on-site review of a previously approved change:

- **American College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine**, Houston, Tex.— Reviewed membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine.
- **Blue Ridge Community College**, Flat Rock, N.C.— Reviewed two new North Carolina off-campus instructional sites: Brevard High School, Brevard, and Balfour Education Center, Hendersonville.
- **Cabarrus College of Health Sciences**, Concord, N.C.— Reviewed membership at Level III offering the Master of Occupational Therapy.

- **Cisco College**, Cisco, Tex.— Reviewed the following Texas off-campus instructional sites: Clyde High School, Clyde, and Region 14 Educational Service Center, Abilene.
- **Dabney S. Lancaster Community College**, Clifton Forge, Va.— Reviewed the following Virginia off-campus instructional sites: Alleghany High School, Covington; James River High School, Buchanan; Parry McCluer High School, Buena Vista; and Rockbridge County High School, Lexington.
- **East Georgia State College**, Swainsboro, Ga.— Reviewed an off-campus instructional site at Augusta University’s Summerville Campus, Augusta, Ga.
- **Eckerd College**, St. Petersburg, Fla.— Reviewed an off-campus instructional site at 1300 N. Westshore Boulevard, Tampa, Fla.
- **ECPI University**, Virginia Beach, Va.— Reviewed a new branch campus located at 5234 Airport Road, Roanoke, Va.
- **Everglades University**, Boca Raton, Fla.— Reviewed a new off-campus instructional site located at 5225 Memorial Highway, Tampa, Fla.
- **Francis Marion University**, Florence, S.C.— Reviewed an off-campus instructional site at Trident Technical College, Mount Pleasant, S.C.
- **Freed-Hardeman University**, Henderson, Tenn.— Reviewed membership at Level V offering the Ed.D. in Instructional Leadership and of an off-campus instructional site at the Renaissance Center, Dickson, Tenn.
- **Georgia Institute of Technology**, Atlanta, Ga.— Reviewed a new off-campus instructional site in Shenzhen, Guangdong, China.
- **Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics**, Dallas, Tex.— Reviewed membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Arts in International Service.
- **Huston-Tillotson University**, Austin, Tex.— Reviewed membership at Level III offering the Master of Education in Educational Leadership with Principal Certification.
- **Jefferson Community and Technical College**, Louisville, Ky.— Reviewed the following Kentucky off-campus instructional sites evaluated as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report: Henry County High School, New Castle; Kentucky Manufacturing Career Center, Louisville; and Universal Woods, Louisville.
- **Johnson C. Smith University**, Charlotte, N.C.— Reviewed membership at Level III offering the Master of Social Work.
- **Johnston Community College**, Smithfield, N.C.— Reviewed an off-campus instructional site at South Johnston High School, Four Oaks, N.C.
- **Jones County Junior College**, Ellisville, Miss.— Reviewed an off-campus instructional site at the Wayne County Learning Center, Waynesboro, Miss.
- **Kennesaw State University**, Kennesaw, Ga.— Reviewed the merger/consolidation of Kennesaw State University and Southern Polytechnic State University called Kennesaw State University.
- **LeTourneau University**, Longview, Tex.— Reviewed the new Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.
- **Liberty University**, Lynchburg, Va.— Reviewed the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine.
- **Limestone College**, Gaffney, S.C.— Reviewed the following South Carolina off-campus instructional sites evaluated as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report: Kalmia Plaza, Aiken, and Victor Avenue Extension, Greer.
- **Lincoln Memorial University**, Harrogate, Tenn.— Reviewed the following Tennessee off-campus instructional sites evaluated as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report: Cedar Bluff Teaching Site, Knoxville, and Chattanooga State Community College, Chattanooga.
- **Lindsey Wilson College**, Columbia, Ky.— Reviewed membership at Level V offering the Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision.

- **Louisiana State University and A&M College**, Baton Rouge, La.— Reviewed the merger/consolidation of Louisiana State University and A&M College and the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law School.
  - **Maysville Community and Technical College**, Maysville, Ky.— Reviewed the following Kentucky off-campus instructional sites evaluated as part of the institution’s Fifth-Year Interim Report: Maysville Institute of Culinary Arts, Maysville; Bath County High School, Owingsville; Mason County Area Technology Center, Maysville; and The Rowan Campus Downtown Extension, Morehead.
  - **Northwestern State University of Louisiana**, Natchitoches, La.— Reviewed membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Nursing Practice.
  - **Notre Dame Seminary**, New Orleans, La.— Reviewed membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Philosophy degree.
  - **Our Lady of Holy Cross College**, New Orleans, La.— Reviewed an off-campus instructional site: the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge.
  - **Pasco-Hernando State College**, New Port Richey, Fla.— Reviewed membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.
  - **Piedmont Virginia Community College**, Charlottesville, Va.— Reviewed the following Virginia off-campus instructional sites evaluated as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report: Jefferson School City Center, Charlottesville; Eugene Giuseppe Center, Stanardsville; Albemarle High School, Charlottesville; Charlottesville Albemarle Technical Education Center, Charlottesville; and Western Albemarle High School, Crozet.
  - **Regent University**, Virginia Beach, Va.— Reviewed the following Virginia off-campus instructional sites evaluated as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report: Portsmouth Christian School, Portsmouth, and Richmond Academy, Richmond.
  - **Roanoke-Chowan Community College**, Ahoskie, N.C.— Reviewed the following North Carolina off-campus instructional sites: Hertford County High School, Ahoskie, and Northhampton County High School, Conway.
  - **South Piedmont Community College**, Polkton, N.C.— Reviewed two substantive changes: (1) the new off-campus instructional site at the Central Academy of Technology and Arts, Monroe, and (2) the new Associate in Applied Science degree in Automotive Systems Technology program.
  - **Troy University**, Troy, Ala.— Reviewed the following off-campus instructional site evaluated as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report: Osan Air Base Education Center, Osan, Korea.
  - **The University of Dallas**, Irving, Tex.— Reviewed the Doctor of Business Administration.
- The Board removed the following institution from Warning:**
- **Allen University**, Columbia, S.C.
- The Board removed the following institutions from Probation:**
- **Louisiana College**, Pineville, La.
  - **Norfolk State University**, Norfolk, Va.
- Sanctions and other Negative Actions**
- The Board denied membership at a more advanced degree level for the following institution:**
- **Shaw University**, Raleigh, N.C.— Denied approval of membership at Level V to offer the Doctor of Ministry. 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 3.4.1 (Academic program approval), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.5 (Academic

policies), and Comprehensive Standard 3.6.4 (Post-baccalaureate program requirements) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

### The Board denied approval of substantive change for the following institutions:

- **Alabama State University**, Montgomery, Ala.— Denied approval of the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering. The institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure that it has the capability to comply with the following standard as it relates to the substantive change: Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.
- **Miami International University of Art & Design**, Miami, Fla.— Denied approval of the acquisition of the following branch campuses that are currently part of the accreditation of South University: The Art Institute of Charlotte, The Art Institute of Dallas, The Art Institute of Fort Worth, and the Art Institute of Raleigh-Durham. 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 and stability) and Comprehensive Standard 3.11.1 (Control of physical resources) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

### The Board placed the following institutions on Warning:

- **Bennett College for Women**, Greensboro, N.C.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.
- **Galen College of Nursing**, Louisville, Ky.— For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty) of the *Principles of Accreditation*, following review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

- **Saint Augustine's University**, Raleigh, N.C.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.
- **Southwestern Christian College**, Terrell, Tex.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: educational programs, to include student learning outcomes), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.2 (Quality Enhancement Plan), and Federal Requirement 4.9 (Definition of credit hours) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

### The Board continued Warning for the following institutions:

- **The Art Institute of Atlanta**, Atlanta, Ga.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.
- **Bethel University**, McKenzie, Tenn.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.2.8 (Qualified administrative/academic officers), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: educational programs, to include student learning outcomes), Federal Requirement 4.1 (Student achievement), and Federal Requirement 4.9 (Definition of credit hours) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.
- **Georgetown College**, Georgetown, Ky.— For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability) and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

- **Miami International University of Art & Design**, Miami, Fla.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.
- **South University**, Savannah, Ga.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.
- **Virginia State University**, Petersburg, Va.— For six months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.2.13 (Institution-related entities), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of sponsored research/external funds), and Comprehensive Standard 3.11.1 (Control of physical resources) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The Committee authorized a Special Committee to visit the institution.

**The Board denied reaffirmation, continued in accreditation, and continued the following institution on Warning:**

- **The Art Institute of Houston**, Houston, Tex.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), and Comprehensive Standard 3.3.2 (Quality Enhancement Plan) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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

- **The University of Tennessee at Martin**, Martin, Tenn.— For 12 months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: educational programs, to include student learning outcomes), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.2 (Institutional Effectiveness: administrative support services), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.4 (Institutional Effectiveness: research), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.5 (Institutional Effectiveness: community/public service), and Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (General education competencies). The Commission authorized a Special Committee.

In accordance with the “Standing Rules of the Commission on Colleges,” members of the Board abstained from the vote on the accreditation status of their respective institutions, affiliated institutions, and any other identified or recognized conflicts of interest.

Chair Westmoreland asked Dr. Brenda Colagross, Chair of the Committee on Fifth-Year Interim Reports, to report on the review of 33 Track A institutions that make up the 2020 reaffirmation class. He then thanked Colagross and the following Chairs of the Committees on Compliance and Reports for their leadership: Frank Bonner, Timothy Brophy, Nancy Oliver Gray, and Sandra Harper.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.



# Minutes of the Business Meeting of the College Delegate Assembly of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges—December 8, 2015

The College Delegate Assembly of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) held its Annual Business Meeting at the Convention Center, Houston, Texas, on December 8, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. Chair Andrew Westmoreland, President of Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, presided. Dr. Mark Keenum, President of Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Mississippi, served as Vice Chair.

Vice-Chair Keenum introduced the meeting's speaker, Dr. Belle Wheelan, President of SACSCOC, who presented the "State of the Commission."

Following the President's presentation, Chair Westmoreland convened the business portion of the session and reported on the actions taken by the Executive Council and the SACSCOC Board of Trustees during their meetings December 4–6, 2015. (Refer to the December 6, 2015, meeting of the Board of Trustees for the minutes describing these actions.)

## Action on Nominations

Chair Westmoreland explained the process for nominating individuals to SACSCOC Board of Trustees. It is an open process whereby the chief executive officers (college delegates) are invited to submit nominees to their respective elected state's Board of Trustees members who, in turn, submit a slate of nominees to SACSCOC's Nominating Committee.

Vice-Chair Keenum read the report of SACSCOC Nominating Committee. The College Delegate Assembly elected the following to serve on the SACSCOC Board of Trustees, Class of 2019:

## Class of 2019

(Terms beginning January 1, 2016, and concluding December 31, 2018)

- **Ronnie L. Booth**, President, Tri-County Technical College, Pendleton, S.C.
- **O. Max Burns**, President, Gordon State College, Barnesville, Ga.
- **John S. Capps**, President, Central Virginia Community College, Lynchburg, Va.
- **Franklyn M. Casale**, President, St. Thomas University, Miami Gardens, Fla.
- **Jimmy S. Clarke**, Senior Associate, HCM Strategies, Lafayette, La.
- **Alejandro Elizondo**, Provost, Universidad de las Americas, Mexico City, Mex.
- **Nancy O. Gray**, President, Hollins University, Roanoke, Va.
- **Jonathan Gueverra**, President, Florida Keys Community College, Key West, Fla.
- **Dana L. Hoyt**, President, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Tex.
- **Daniel Jackson**, President and CEO, Carroll Tomorrow & Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, Carrollton, Ga.
- **N. Kevin Krane**, Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, Tulane University, New Orleans, La.
- **Duane K. Larick**, Senior Vice Provost, Strategic Initiatives and Dean, Graduate School, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C.
- **John Leidy**, Attorney & Partner, Hornthal, Riley, Ellis & Miland, Elizabeth City, N.C.
- **Ray Martinez**, President, Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas, Austin, Tex.
- **Johnette McKown**, President, McLennan Community College, Waco, Tex.

- **James S. Netherton**, Executive Vice President for Administration and Finance, Mercer University, Macon, Ga.
- **Suzanne Ozment**, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, Ala.
- **Claude Pressnell, Jr.**, President, Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association, Nashville, Tenn.
- **Alfred Rankins, Jr.**, President, Alcorn State University, Lorman, Miss.
- **Michael David Rudd**, President, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tenn.
- **Maurice W. Scherrrens**, President, Newberry College, Newberry, S.C.
- **Neal J. Smatresk**, President, University of North Texas, Denton, Tex.
- **Chandra Brown Stewart**, Executive Director, Lifelines-Family Counseling Services, Mobile, Ala.

### Class of 2016

(Filling a vacancy; eligible in 2016 for a full term)

- **George T. French**, President, Miles College, Birmingham, Ala.
- **Deborah D. Grimes**, Senior Vice President of Instruction and Student Services, Lenoir Community College, Kinston, N.C.

### The College Delegate Assembly elected the following individuals to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools:

- **Chair-elect to the SACS Board of Trustees— Andrew Westmoreland**, President, Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.
- **Faculty Representative on the SACS Board of Trustees— Myrtes D. Green**, Assistant to the President, T.A. Lawson State Community College, Birmingham, Ala.

### The College Delegate Assembly elected the following to the Appeals Committee of the College Delegate Assembly:

#### • Appeals Committee, Class of 2017

- Stephen R. Briggs**, President, Berry College, Mount Berry, Ga.
- Jack Hawkins, Jr.**, Chancellor, Troy University, Troy, Ala.
- William T. Luckey, Jr.**, President, Lindsey Wilson College, Columbia, Ky.
- C. Edward Meadows**, President, Pensacola State College, Pensacola, Fla.

#### • Appeals Committee, Class of 2016

(Filling a vacancy)

- Jennifer Braaten**, President, Ferrum College, Ferrum, Va.

Chair Westmoreland referred the membership to the list of SACSCOC Board of Trustees elected on Sunday, December 6, 2015, to serve on the 2016 Executive Council. The report was presented to the College Delegate Assembly as information. He recognized and thanked the following members of the 2015 SACSCOC Nominating Committee: William T. Luckey, Jr. (Chair), President, Lindsey Wilson College, Columbia, Kentucky; William T. Abare, Jr., President, Flagler College, St. Augustine, Florida; Rodney D. Bennett, President, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi; Diane M. Calhoun-French, Provost and VP for Academic and Student Affairs, Jefferson Community and Technical College, Louisville, Kentucky; and Franklyn M. Casale, President, St. Thomas University, Miami Gardens, Florida.

## **Report on the Accreditation of Institutions**

Vice-Chair Keenum read the reports from SACSCOC Board of Trustees regarding accreditation actions taken on June 11, 2015, and December 6, 2015. The reports were read as information. (Refer to the June 11, 2015, and December 6, 2015, Minutes of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees.)

## **Leadership Transition**

Chair Westmoreland introduced Dr. Mark Keenum, President of Mississippi State University and

Chair-elect. He indicated that he had had the privilege of working with Dr. Keenum these past two years during his service as Vice Chair and as a member of the Executive Council, and that he came to this position of leadership with experience and knowledge in the work of the Commission. Dr. Keenum thanked Dr. Westmoreland for his kind words and the membership for their confidence in his leadership.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. after announcing that the College Delegates would reconvene December 2016 in Atlanta, Georgia.

## **Appeals Proceedings of SACSCOC College Delegate Assembly**

The Appeals Committee of the College Delegate Assembly did not meet in 2015.

A photograph of three students standing on a paved path on a university campus. Two young women are on the left, and a young man is on the right. They are all wearing backpacks and casual clothing. In the background, there is a large, light-colored building with many windows. The scene is set outdoors with trees and a patch of red tulips in the foreground. The lighting suggests it's a bright, sunny day.

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## 2015 Roll of Accredited and Candidate Institutions

## Institutions Awarded Initial Membership in 2015

Congratulations to the four institutions that were awarded initial or separate accreditation.

- **Southern University Law Center**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (Awarded separate accreditation from Southern University and A&M College at Baton Rouge)
- **Texas Southmost College**, Brownsville, Texas (Awarded separate accreditation from The University of Texas at Brownsville-Texas Southmost)
- **The University of Tennessee Health Science Center**, Memphis, Tennessee (Awarded separate accreditation from The University of Tennessee)
- **The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler**, Tyler, Texas

## Member Institutions with a Change of Status in 2015

- **Baton Rouge Community College**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (Merged with Capital Area Technical College: December 6, 2015) New institution: Baton Rouge Community College
- **Clearwater Christian College**, Clearwater, Florida (Withdrew accreditation: July 1, 2015)
- **Emmanuel Christian College**, Johnson City, Tennessee (Merged with Milligan College: June 11, 2015) New institution: Milligan College
- **Georgia State University**, Atlanta, Georgia (Merged with Georgia Perimeter College: December 6, 2015) New institution: Georgia State University
- **Milligan College**, Milligan College, Tennessee (Merged with Emmanuel Christian College: June 11, 2015) New institution: Milligan College
- **Georgia Perimeter College**, Atlanta, Georgia (Merged with Georgia State University: December 6, 2015) New institution: Georgia State University
- **LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (Merged with Louisiana State University and A&M College, Baton Rouge: April 2015) New institution: Louisiana State University and A&M College
- **Louisiana State University and A&M College**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (Merged with LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Baton Rouge: April 2015) New institution: Louisiana State University and A&M College
- **Moultrie Technical College**, Moultrie, Georgia (Merged with Southwest Georgia Technical College, Thomasville, Georgia: June 11, 2015) New institution: Southern Regional Technical College
- **Southwest Georgia Technical College**, Thomasville, Georgia (Merged with Moultrie Technical College, Moultrie, Georgia: June 11, 2015) New institution: Southern Regional Technical College
- **Texas State Technical College**, Waco, Texas (System merger of Texas State Technical College Waco in Waco; Texas State Technical College Marshall in Marshall; Texas State Technical College—West Texas in Sweetwater; and Texas State Technical College-Harlingen in Harlingen: July 10, 2015) New institution: Texas State Technical College, Waco, Texas

## Profile of Member and Candidate Institutions by State and by Degree Level as of December 31, 2015

State	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	TOTAL
Alabama	24	8	3	3	8	8	54
Florida	4	32	14	0	12	14	76
Georgia	24	23	9	5	12	10	83
Kentucky	16	7	8	2	15	2	50
Louisiana	11	3	5	2	9	9	39
Mississippi	15	2	4	1	5	5	32
North Carolina	60	11	21	0	11	9	112
South Carolina	17	7	10	5	8	3	50
Tennessee	14	7	12	2	17	11	63
Texas	61	12	29	1	32	27	162
Virginia	24	9	15	0	13	11	72
International	0	0	3	0	1	2	6
Candidate	1	0		0	0	0	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>800</b>

Institutions are classified by their highest degree level offered. The levels are as follows:

<b>Level I</b>	Associate degree	<b>Level IV</b>	Master's degree and Educational Specialist
<b>Level II</b>	Baccalaureate degree	<b>Level V</b>	Three or fewer doctoral degrees
<b>Level III</b>	Master's degree	<b>Level VI</b>	Four or more doctoral degrees

## Profile of Member and Candidate Institutions by State and by Governance as of December 31, 2015

State	Public	Private	TOTAL
Alabama	39	15	54
Florida	41	35	76
Georgia	51	32	83
Kentucky	24	26	50
Louisiana	28	11	39
Mississippi	24	8	32
North Carolina	75	37	112
South Carolina	29	21	50
Tennessee	23	40	63
Texas	107	55	162
Virginia	40	32	72
International	0	6	6
Candidate	1	0	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>800</b>

# 2015 Roll of Accredited and Candidate Institutions

Institutions accredited by SACSCOC are listed below by state and include the initial date of accreditation, the date of next reaffirmation, governance type, the degree level, and the types of degrees offered. Candidate institutions list candidacy date. For specific information regarding the current status of institutions, access the SACSCOC Membership Directory at: <http://www.sacscoc.org/search.asp>.

## Notes to the reader:

1. The following abbreviations and symbols are used in the tables that follow:  
 Under Governance: "P" = Public; "Pr" = Private; "NFP" = Not For Profit; "FP" = For Profit  
 Institutions are classified by their highest degree level offered. The levels are as follows:  
 Level I: Associate degree  
 Level II: Baccalaureate degree  
 Level III: Master's degree  
 Level IV: Master's degree and Educational Specialist  
 Level V: Three or fewer doctoral degrees  
 Level VI: Four or more doctoral degrees
2. One asterisk by the initial accreditation date indicates one of the following:
  - a. the initial accreditation date is that of a merged/consolidated entity approved between 2010–2015, or
  - b. the initial date is when the institution gained separate accreditation from another accredited institution.
 In either case, the institution would have been accredited prior to the date listed but as a different entity.
3. Two asterisks after the name of an institution indicates that the institution was accredited for only part of 2015. (See "Member Institutions with a Change of Status in 2015.")
4. If a name change occurred in 2015, the former name follows the current name and is indicated in italics.

## Alabama

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Air University	Maxwell AFB	2004	2019	P	V	A M D
Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University	Normal	1963	2024	P	V	A B M E S D
Alabama Southern Community College	Monroeville	1992	2016	P	I	A
Alabama State University	Montgomery	1966	2020	P	VI	A B M E S D
Amridge University	Montgomery	1989	2025	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Athens State University	Athens	1955	2021	P	II	B
Auburn University	Auburn	1922	2023	P	VI	B M E S D
Auburn University at Montgomery	Montgomery	1968	2018	P	V	B M E S D
Bevill State Community College	Jasper	1994	2020	P	I	A

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Birmingham-Southern College	Birmingham	1922	2024	Pr, NFP	II	B
Bishop State Community College	Mobile	1992	2025	P	I	A
Calhoun Community College	Tanner	1968	2022	P	I	A
Central Alabama Community College	Alexander City	1969	2025	P	I	A
Chattahoochee Valley Community College	Phenix City	1976	2023	P	I	A
Concordia College Alabama	Selma	1983	2019	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Enterprise Community College	Enterprise	1969	2024	P	I	A
Faulkner University	Montgomery	1971	2019	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Gadsden State Community College	Gadsden	2003	2018	P	I	A
George C. Wallace Community College	Dothan	2000	2022	P	I	A
George Corley Wallace State Community College	Selma	1974	2020	P	I	A
H. Councill Trenholm State Technical College	Montgomery	2014	2019	P	I	A
Huntingdon College	Montgomery	1928	2020	Pr, NFP	II	A B
J. F. Drake State Community and Technical College	Huntsville	2012	2017	P	I	A
Jacksonville State University	Jacksonville	1935	2024	P	V	B M E S D
James H. Faulkner State Community College	Bay Minette	1970	2016	P	I	A
Jefferson Davis Community College	Brewton	1994	2019	P	I	A
Jefferson State Community College	Birmingham	1968	2024	P	I	A
Judson College	Marion	1925	2025	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Lurleen B. Wallace Community College	Andalusia	2003	2018	P	I	A
Marion Military Institute	Marion	1926	2025	P	I	A
Miles College	Fairfield	1969	2023	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Northeast Alabama Community College	Rainsville	1969	2025	P	I	A
Northwest-Shoals Community College	Muscle Shoals	1994	2019	P	I	A
Oakwood University	Huntsville	1958	2022	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Samford University	Birmingham	1920	2017	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M E S D
Shelton State Community College	Tuscaloosa	1994	2019	P	I	A
Snead State Community College	Boaz	1941	2024	P	I	A
Southern Union State Community College	Wadley	1994	2016	P	I	A
Spring Hill College	Mobile	1922	2016	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Stillman College	Tuscaloosa	1953	2020	Pr, NFP	II	B
T.A. Lawson State Community College	Birmingham	2005	2020	P	I	A
Talladega College	Talladega	1931	2019	Pr, NFP	II	B
Troy University	Troy	2004	2019	P	V	A B M E S D



Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Tuskegee University	Tuskegee	1933	2018	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
United States Sports Academy	Daphne	1983	2018	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
The University of Alabama	Tuscaloosa	1897	2025	P	VI	B M E S D
The University of Alabama at Birmingham	Birmingham	1970	2025	P	VI	B M D
The University of Alabama in Huntsville	Huntsville	1970	2016	P	VI	B M D
University of Mobile	Mobile	1968	2024	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
University of Montevallo	Montevallo	1925	2021	P	IV	B M E S
University of North Alabama	Florence	1934	2022	P	IV	B M E S
University of South Alabama	Mobile	1968	2023	P	VI	B M E S D
The University of West Alabama	Livingston	1938	2023	P	IV	A B M E S
Wallace State Community College	Hanceville	1978	2025	P	I	A

## Florida

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Adventist University of Health Sciences— Florida Hospital's University	Orlando	1996	2021	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Ave Maria University	Ave Maria	2010	2025	Pr, NFP	V	BMD
The Baptist College of Florida	Graceville	1981	2018	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Barry University	Miami Shores	1947	2024	Pr, NFP	VI	B M E S D
Beacon College	Leesburg	2003	2018	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Bethune-Cookman University	Daytona Beach	1947	2020	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Broward College	Ft. Lauderdale	1965	2024	P	II	A B
Chipola College	Marianna	1957	2018	P	II	A B
Clearwater Christian College **	Clearwater	1984	2020	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
College of Central Florida	Ocala	1964	2016	P	II	A B
Daytona State College	Daytona Beach	1963	2024	P	II	A B
Eastern Florida State College	Cocoa	1965	2024	P	II	A B
Eckerd College	St. Petersburg	1966	2021	Pr, NFP	II	B
Edward Waters College	Jacksonville	1979	2025	Pr, NFP	II	B
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Daytona Beach	1968	2022	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Everglades University	Boca Raton	2010	2025	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Flagler College	St. Augustine	1973	2019	Pr, NFP	II	B
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	Tallahassee	1935	2018	P	VI	B M D
Florida Atlantic University	Boca Raton	1967	2023	P	VI	B M D

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Florida College	Temple Terrace	1954	2017	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Florida Gateway College	Lake City	1966	2020	P	II	A B
Florida Gulf Coast University	Fort Myers	1999	2025	P	V	B M D
Florida Institute of Technology	Melbourne	1964	2025	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M E S D
Florida International University	Miami	1974	2020	P	VI	A B M E S D
Florida Keys Community College	Key West	1968	2022	P	I	A
Florida Memorial University	Miami Gardens	1951	2022	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Florida National University	Hialeah	1997	2022	Pr, FP	III	A B M
Florida Southern College	Lakeland	1935	2018	Pr, NFP	V	B M
Florida SouthWestern State College	Fort Myers	1966	2022	P	II	A B
Florida State College at Jacksonville	Jacksonville	1969	2024	P	II	A B
Florida State University	Tallahassee	1915	2024	P	VI	A B M E S D
Gulf Coast State College	Panama City	1962	2021	P	II	A B
Hillsborough Community College	Tampa	1971	2017	P	I	A
Hodges University	Naples	1998	2023	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Indian River State College	Fort Pierce	1965	2024	P	II	A B
Jacksonville University	Jacksonville	1950	2023	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Keiser University	Ft. Lauderdale	1991	2017	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Lake-Sumter State College	Leesburg	1966	2021	P	II	A B
Lynn University	Boca Raton	1967	2021	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Miami Dade College	Miami	1965	2025	P	II	A B
Miami International University of Art & Design	Miami	1979	2022	Pr, FP	III	A B M
New College of Florida	Sarasota	2004	2019	P	II	B
North Florida Community College	Madison	1963	2025	P	I	A
Northwest Florida State College	Niceville	1967	2021	P	II	A B
Nova Southeastern University	Fort Lauderdale	1971	2017	Pr, NFP	VI	B M E S D
Palm Beach Atlantic University	West Palm Beach	1972	2018	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Palm Beach State College	Lake Worth	1942	2022	P	II	A B
Pasco-Hernando State College	New Port Richey	1974	2020	P	II	A B
Pensacola State College	Pensacola	1956	2018	P	II	A B
Polk State College	Winter Haven	1967	2021	P	II	A B
Ringling College of Art and Design	Sarasota	1979	2016	Pr, NFP	II	B
Rollins College	Winter Park	1927	2025	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Saint John Vianney College Seminary	Miami	1970	2017	Pr, NFP	II	B
Saint Leo University	Saint Leo	1967	2021	Pr, NFP	V	A B M E S D
Saint Thomas University	Miami Gardens	1968	2023	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Santa Fe College	Gainesville	1968	2023	P	II	A B
Seminole State College of Florida	Sanford	1969	2024	P	II	A B
South Florida State College	Avon Park	1968	2022	P	II	A B
Southeastern University, Inc.	Lakeland	1986	2021	Pr, NFP	V	A B M
St. Johns River State College	Palatka	1963	2024	P	II	A B
St. Petersburg College	St. Petersburg	1931	2018	P	II	A B
St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary	Boynton Beach	1968	2020	Pr, NFP	III	M
State College of Florida, Manatee—Sarasota	Bradenton	1963	2025	P	II	A B
Stetson University	DeLand	1932	2022	Pr, NFP	V	B M E S D
Tallahassee Community College	Tallahassee	1969	2025	P	I	A
University of Central Florida	Orlando	1970	2016	P	VI	A B M E S D
University of Florida	Gainesville	1913	2024	P	VI	A B M E S D
University of Miami	Coral Gables	1940	2018	Pr, NFP	VI	B M E S D
University of North Florida	Jacksonville	1974	2019	P	V	B M D
University of South Florida	Tampa	1965	2025	P	VI	A B M E S D
University of South Florida Sarasota— Manatee (Separate accreditation from the University of South Florida)	Sarasota	2011*	2016	P	III	A B M
University of South Florida St. Petersburg	St. Petersburg	2006	2021	P	III	A B M
The University of Tampa	Tampa	1951	2025	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
The University of West Florida	Pensacola	1969	2025	P	V	A B M D
Valencia College	Orlando	1969	2024	P	II	A B
Warner University	Lake Wales	1977	2022	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Webber International University (Merger of Webber International University and St. Andrews Presbyterian College)	Babson Park	2011*	2016	Pr, NFP	III	A B M

## Georgia

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Tifton	1953	2017	P	II	A B
Agnes Scott College	Decatur	1907	2024	Pr, NFP	II	B
Albany State University	Albany	1951	2018	P	IV	B M E S
Albany Technical College	Albany	2005	2021	P	I	A
Andrew College	Cuthbert	1927	2016	Pr, NFP	I	A
Armstrong State University	Savannah	1940	2023	P	V	A B M D
The Art Institute of Atlanta	Atlanta	1985	2020	Pr, FP	II	A B

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Athens Technical College	Athens	1988	2024	P	I	A
Atlanta Metropolitan State College	Atlanta	1976	2022	P	II	A B
Atlanta Technical College	Atlanta	2005	2020	P	I	A
Augusta Technical College	Augusta	1988	2024	P	I	A
Augusta University (Formerly called Georgia Regents University after merger of Georgia Health Sciences University with Augusta State University)	Augusta	2012*	2016	P	VI	ABMD
Bainbridge State College	Bainbridge	1975	2021	P	I	A
Bauder College	Atlanta	1985	2020	Pr, FP	II	A B
Berry College	Mount Berry	1957	2018	Pr, NFP	IV	B M ES
Brenau University	Gainesville	1947	2021	Pr, NFP	V	B M ES D
Brewton-Parker College	Mount Vernon	1962	2021	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Central Georgia Technical College (Merger of Central Georgia Technical College and Middle Georgia Technical College)	Warner Robins	2013*	2016	P	I	A
Chattahoochee Technical College	Marietta	2009	2024	P	I	A
Clark Atlanta University	Atlanta	1990	2016	Pr, NFP	VI	B M ES D
Clayton State University	Morrow	1971	2024	P	III	A B M
Coastal Pines Technical College (Merger of Okefenokee Technical College and Altamaha Technical College)	Waycross	2014*	2019	P	I	A
College of Coastal Georgia	Brunswick	1967	2022	P	II	A B
Columbia Theological Seminary	Decatur	1983	2023	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Columbus State University	Columbus	1963	2016	P	V	A B M ES D
Columbus Technical College	Columbus	1990	2025	P	I	A
Covenant College	Lookout Mountain	1971	2017	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Dalton State College	Dalton	1969	2023	P	II	A B
Darton State College	Albany	1968	2024	P	II	A B
East Georgia State College	Swainsboro	1975	2021	P	II	A B
Emmanuel College	Franklin Springs	1967	2017	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Emory University	Atlanta	1917	2024	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M ES D
Fort Valley State University	Fort Valley	1951	2020	P	IV	A B M ES
Georgia College and State University	Milledgeville	1925	2024	P	V	A B M ES D
Georgia Gwinnett College	Lawrenceville	2009	2024	P	II	B
Georgia Highlands College	Rome	1972	2018	P	II	A B
Georgia Institute of Technology	Atlanta	1923	2025	P	VI	B M D
Georgia Military College	Milledgeville	1940	2017	P	I	A
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	Rome	2008	2023	P	I	A
Georgia Perimeter College	Decatur	1967	2023	P	I	A
Georgia Piedmont Technical College	Clarkston	1967	2023	P	I	A

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Georgia Southern University	Statesboro	1935	2025	P	V	A B M E S D
Georgia Southwestern State University	Americus	1932	2024	P	IV	A B M E S
Georgia State University	Atlanta	1952	2018	P	VI	A B M E S D
Gordon State College	Barnesville	1941	2017	P	II	A B
Gwinnett Technical College	Lawrenceville	1991	2017	P	I	A
Interdenominational Theological Center	Atlanta	1984	2021	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Kennesaw State University (Merger of Kennesaw State University and Southern Polytechnic State University)	Kennesaw	2014*	2019	P	VI	A B M E S D
LaGrange College	LaGrange	1946	2023	Pr, NFP	IV	A B M E S
Lanier Technical College	Oakwood	2011	2016	P	I	A
Life University	Marietta	1986	2021	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Mercer University	Macon	1911	2025	Pr, NFP	VI	B M E S D
Middle Georgia State College (Merger of Macon State College with Middle Georgia College)	Macon	2012*	2016	P	II	A B
Morehouse College	Atlanta	1932	2019	Pr, NFP	II	B
Morehouse School of Medicine	Atlanta	1986	2021	Pr, NFP	V	M D
North Georgia Technical College	Clarkesville	2008	2023	P	I	A
Ogeechee Technical College	Statesboro	2014	2019	P	I	A
Oglethorpe University	Atlanta	1950	2017	Pr, NFP	II	B
Paine College	Augusta	1944	2021	Pr, NFP	II	B
Piedmont College	Demorest	1965	2017	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Point University	West Point	1990	2016	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Reinhardt University	Waleska	1953	2018	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
The Savannah College of Art and Design	Savannah	2005	2020	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Savannah State University	Savannah	1951	2021	P	III	A B M
Savannah Technical College	Savannah	1991	2017	P	I	A
Shorter University	Rome	1923	2022	Pr, NFP	III	B M
South Georgia State College (Merger of South Georgia College with Waycross College)	Douglas	2012*	2016	P	II	A B
South Georgia Technical College	Americus	2011	2016	P	I	A
South University	Savannah	2009	2024	Pr, FP	VI	A B M D
Southeastern Technical College	Swainsboro	2009	2023	P	I	A
Southern Crescent Technical College	Griffin	2009	2024	P	I	A
Southern Regional Technical College (Merger of Southwest Georgia Technical College and Moultrie Technical College)	Thomasville	2015*	2020	P	I	A
Spelman College	Atlanta	1932	2021	Pr, NFP	II	B
Thomas University	Thomasville	1984	2016	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Toccoa Falls College	Toccoa Falls	1983	2019	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Truett McConnell College	Cleveland	1966	2020	Pr, NFP	III	A B M

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The University of Georgia	Athens	1909	2022	P	VI	A B M ES D
University of North Georgia (Merger of North Georgia College and State University with Gainesville State College)	Dahlonega	2012*	2016	P	V	A B M ES D
University of West Georgia	Carrollton	1936	2024	P	VI	A B M ES D
Valdosta State University	Valdosta	1929	2020	P	V	A B M ES D
Wesleyan College	Macon	1919	2025	Pr, NFP	III	B M
West Georgia Technical College	Waco	2007	2023	P	I	A
Wiregrass Georgia Technical College (Merger of Valdosta Technical College and East Central Technical College)	Valdosta	2010*	2025	P	I	A
Young Harris College	Young Harris	1938	2021	Pr, NFP	II	A B

## Kentucky

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Alice Lloyd College	Pippa Passes	1952	2018	Pr, NFP	II	B
Asbury Theological Seminary	Wilmore	1984	2025	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Asbury University	Wilmore	1940	2019	Pr, NFP	IV	B M ES
Ashland Community and Technical College	Ashland	2003	2018	P	I	A
Bellarmino University	Louisville	1956	2018	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Berea College	Berea	1926	2016	Pr, NFP	II	B
Big Sandy Community and Technical College	Prestonsburg	2003	2018	P	I	A
Bluegrass Community and Technical College	Lexington	2005	2020	P	I	A
Brescia University	Owensboro	1957	2019	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Campbellsville University	Campbellsville	1963	2024	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Centre College	Danville	1904	2016	Pr, NFP	II	B
Clear Creek Baptist Bible College	Pineville	1999	2025	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond	1928	2017	P	V	A B M ES D
Elizabethtown Community and Technical College	Elizabethtown	2004	2019	P	I	A
Frontier Nursing University	Hyden	2004	2019	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Galen College of Nursing	Louisville	2013	2018	Pr, FP	II	A B
Gateway Community and Technical College	Florence	2008	2023	P	I	A
Georgetown College	Georgetown	1919	2022	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Hazard Community and Technical College	Hazard	2002	2017	P	I	A

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Henderson Community College	Henderson	1971	2022	P	I	A
Hopkinsville Community College	Hopkinsville	1971	2022	P	I	A
Jefferson Community and Technical College	Louisville	2005	2020	P	I	A
Kentucky Christian University	Grayson	1984	2020	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Kentucky State University	Frankfort	1939	2019	P	III	A B M
Kentucky Wesleyan College	Owensboro	1948	2018	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Lindsey Wilson College	Columbia	1951	2023	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary	Louisville	1973	2019	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Madisonville Community College	Madisonville	2001	2017	P	I	A
Maysville Community and Technical College	Maysville	2004	2019	P	I	A
Midway University	Midway	1949	2015	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Morehead State University	Morehead	1930	2021	P	V	A B M E S D
Murray State University	Murray	1928	2024	P	V	A B M E S D
Northern Kentucky University	Highland Heights	1973	2019	P	V	A B M D
Owensboro Community and Technical College	Owensboro	2003	2016	P	I	A
Somerset Community College	Somerset	2003	2019	P	I	A
Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College	Bowling Green	2009	2024	P	I	A
Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College	Cumberland	2001	2017	P	I	A
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	Louisville	1968	2023	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Spalding University	Louisville	1938	2017	Pr, NFP	V	A B M E S D
St. Catharine College	St. Catharine	1957	2018	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Sullivan University	Louisville	1979	2025	Pr, FP	V	A B M D
Thomas More College	Crestview Hills	1959	2020	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Transylvania University	Lexington	1915	2022	Pr, NFP	II	B
Union College	Barbourville	1932	2025	Pr, NFP	IV	A B M D
University of the Cumberlands	Williamsburg	1964	2016	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
University of Kentucky	Lexington	1915	2023	P	VI	A B M E S D
University of Louisville	Louisville	1915	2017	P	VI	A B M E S D
University of Pikeville	Pikeville	1931	2022	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
West Kentucky Community and Technical College	Paducah	2003	2018	P	I	A
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green	1926	2025	P	V	A B M E S D

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Baton Rouge Community College	Baton Rouge	2004	2019	P	I	A
Bossier Parish Community College	Bossier City	1983	2018	P	I	A
Centenary College of Louisiana	Shreveport	1925	2018	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Delgado Community College (Merger of Delgado Community College and Louisiana Technical College)	New Orleans	2011*	2016	P	I	A
Dillard University	New Orleans	1938	2020	Pr, NFP	II	B
Elaine P. Nunez Community College	Chalmette	1992	2017	P	I	A
Grambling State University	Grambling	1949	2020	P	V	A B M E S D
L. E. Fletcher Technical Community College	Schriever	2009	2024	P	I	A
Louisiana College	Pineville	1923	2021	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Louisiana Delta Community College (Merger of Louisiana Delta Community College with Northeast Louisiana Technical College)	Monroe	2013*	2016	P	I	A
Louisiana State University and A&M College (Merger of Louisiana State University and A&M College with LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center)	Baton Rouge	2015*	2024	P	VI	B M E S D
Louisiana State University at Alexandria	Alexandria	1960	2025	P	II	A B
Louisiana State University at Eunice	Eunice	1967	2024	P	I	A
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center	New Orleans	1931	2025	P	VI	A B M D
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport	Shreveport	2009	2024	P	VI	B M D
Louisiana State University in Shreveport	Shreveport	1975	2025	P	V	B M E S D
Louisiana Tech University	Ruston	1927	2025	P	VI	A B M E S D
Loyola University New Orleans	New Orleans	1929	2016	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center	Baton Rouge	2009	2024	P	V	D
McNeese State University	Lake Charles	1954	2017	P	IV	A B M E S
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary	New Orleans	1965	2016	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Nicholls State University	Thibodaux	1964	2016	P	IV	A B M E S
Northwestern State University of Louisiana	Natchitoches	1941	2017	P	V	A B M E S
Notre Dame Seminary	New Orleans	1951	2017	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Our Lady of Holy Cross College	New Orleans	1972	2017	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Our Lady of the Lake College	Baton Rouge	1994	2019	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
River Parishes Community College	Gonzales	2004	2019	P	I	A
Saint Joseph Seminary College	St. Benedict	1956	2023	Pr, NFP	II	B



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South Louisiana Community College (Merger of South Louisiana Community College with Acadiana Technical College)	Lafayette	2013*	2018	P	I	A
Southeastern Louisiana University	Hammond	1946	2025	P	V	A B M E S D
Southern University and A&M College at Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	1938	2020	P	V	A B M E S D
Southern University Law Center	Baton Rouge	2015*	2020	P	V	D
Southern University at New Orleans	New Orleans	1970	2020	P	III	A B M
Southern University at Shreveport	Shreveport	1975	2021	P	I	A
Sowela Technical Community College	Lake Charles	2014	2019	P	I	A
Tulane University	New Orleans	1903	2022	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
The University of Louisiana at Lafayette	Lafayette	1925	2020	P	VI	A B M D
The University of Louisiana at Monroe	Monroe	1955	2019	P	VI	A B M E S D
University of New Orleans	New Orleans	1958	2025	P	VI	A B M D
Xavier University of Louisiana	New Orleans	1938	2021	Pr, NFP	V	B M D

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Alcorn State University	Lorman	1948	2021	P	IV	A B M E S
Belhaven University	Jackson	1946	2017	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Blue Mountain College	Blue Mountain	1927	2015	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Coahoma Community College	Clarksdale	1975	2021	P	I	A
Copiah-Lincoln Community College	Wesson	1936	2025	P	I	A
Delta State University	Cleveland	1930	2024	P	V	A B M D
East Central Community College	Decatur	1939	2022	P	I	A
East Mississippi Community College	Scooba	1949	2017	P	I	A
Hinds Community College	Raymond	1928	2017	P	I	A
Holmes Community College	Goodman	1934	2016	P	I	A
Itawamba Community College	Fulton	1955	2018	P	I	A
Jackson State University	Jackson	1948	2021	P	VI	B M E S D
Jones County Junior College	Ellisville	1940	2018	P	I	A
Meridian Community College	Meridian	1942	2022	P	I	A
Millsaps College	Jackson	1912	2022	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Mississippi College	Clinton	1922	2022	Pr, NFP	V	B M E S D
Mississippi Delta Community College	Moorhead	1930	2018	P	I	A
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	Perkinston	1929	2020	P	I	A

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Mississippi State University	Mississippi State	1926	2024	P	VI	B M E S D
Mississippi University for Women	Columbus	1921	2024	P	V	A B M D
Mississippi Valley State University	Itta Bena	1968	2022	P	III	B M
Northeast Mississippi Community College	Booneville	1956	2021	P	I	A
Northwest Mississippi Community College	Senatobia	1953	2017	P	I	A
Pearl River Community College	Poplarville	1929	2016	P	I	A
Reformed Theological Seminary	Jackson	1977	2022	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Rust College	Holly Springs	1970	2024	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Southwest Mississippi Community College	Summit	1958	2020	P	I	A
Tougaloo College	Tougaloo	1953	2019	Pr, NFP	II	A B
University of Mississippi	University	1895	2019	P	VI	B M E S D
University of Mississippi Medical Center	Jackson	1991	2021	P	VI	B M D
The University of Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg	1929	2016	P	VI	B M E S D
William Carey University	Hattiesburg	1958	2019	Pr, NFP	V	B M E S D

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Alamance Community College	Graham	1969	2024	P	I	A
Appalachian State University	Boone	1942	2023	P	V	B M E S D
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College	Asheville	1969	2024	P	I	A
Barton College	Wilson	1955	2019	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Beaufort County Community College	Washington	1973	2019	P	I	A
Belmont Abbey College	Belmont	1957	2020	Pr, NFP	II	B
Bennett College for Women	Greensboro	1935	2019	Pr, NFP	II	B
Bladen Community College	Dublin	1976	2023	P	I	A
Blue Ridge Community College	Flat Rock	1973	2019	P	I	A
Brevard College	Brevard	1949	2021	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Brunswick Community College	Bolivia	1983	2019	P	I	A
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences	Concord	1995	2020	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute	Hudson	1969	2017	P	I	A
Campbell University	Buies Creek	1941	2021	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
Cape Fear Community College	Wilmington	1971	2017	P	I	A
Carolinas College of Health Sciences	Charlotte	1995	2020	P	I	A

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Carteret Community College	Morehead City	1974	2020	P	I	A
Catawba College	Salisbury	1928	2025	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Catawba Valley Community College	Hickory	1969	2025	P	I	A
Central Carolina Community College	Sanford	1972	2018	P	I	A
Central Piedmont Community College	Charlotte	1969	2024	P	I	A
Chowan University	Murfreesboro	1956	2019	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Cleveland Community College	Shelby	1975	2022	P	I	A
Coastal Carolina Community College	Jacksonville	1972	2018	P	I	A
College of The Albemarle	Elizabeth City	1968	2024	P	I	A
Craven Community College	New Bern	1971	2017	P	I	A
Davidson College	Davidson	1917	2017	Pr, NFP	II	B
Davidson County Community College	Lexington	1968	2023	P	I	A
Duke University	Durham	1895	2019	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Durham Technical Community College	Durham	1971	2017	P	I	A
East Carolina University	Greenville	1927	2023	P	VI	B M E S D
Edgecombe Community College	Tarboro	1973	2019	P	I	A
Elizabeth City State University	Elizabeth City	1947	2021	P	III	B M
Elon University	Elon	1947	2023	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Fayetteville State University	Fayetteville	1947	2021	P	V	A B M D
Fayetteville Technical Community College	Fayetteville	1967	2021	P	I	A
Forsyth Technical Community College	Winston-Salem	1968	2023	P	I	A
Gardner-Webb University	Boiling Springs	1948	2017	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Gaston College	Dallas	1967	2022	P	I	A
Greensboro College	Greensboro	1926	2016	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Guilford College	Greensboro	1926	2017	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Guilford Technical Community College	Jamestown	1969	2025	P	I	A
Halifax Community College	Weldon	1975	2021	P	I	A
Haywood Community College	Clyde	1973	2019	P	I	A
High Point University	High Point	1951	2016	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Isothermal Community College	Spindale	1970	2016	P	I	A
James Sprunt Community College	Kenansville	1973	2019	P	I	A
Johnson C. Smith University	Charlotte	1933	2017	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Johnston Community College	Smithfield	1977	2023	P	I	A
Lees-McRae College	Banner Elk	1953	2025	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Lenoir Community College	Kinston	1968	2024	P	I	A
Lenoir-Rhyne University (Merger of Lenoir-Rhyne University with Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary)	Hickory	2013*	2018	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Livingstone College	Salisbury	1944	2021	Pr, NFP	II	B
Louisburg College	Louisburg	1952	2016	Pr, NFP	I	A
Mars Hill University	Mars Hill	1926	2021	Pr, NFP	III	B M

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Martin Community College	Williamston	1972	2019	P	I	A
Mayland Community College	Spruce Pine	1978	2025	P	I	A
McDowell Technical Community College	Marion	1975	2021	P	I	A
Meredith College	Raleigh	1921	2020	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Methodist University	Fayetteville	1966	2019	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Mid-Atlantic Christian University	Elizabeth City	1999	2025	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Mitchell Community College	Statesville	1955	2018	P	I	A
Montgomery Community College	Troy	1978	2024	P	I	A
Montreat College	Montreat	1960	2020	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Nash Community College	Rocky Mount	1976	2021	P	I	A
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University	Greensboro	1936	2020	P	VI	B M D
North Carolina Central University	Durham	1938	2019	P	V	B M D
North Carolina State University	Raleigh	1928	2024	P	VI	A B M D
North Carolina Wesleyan College	Rocky Mount	1966	2020	Pr, NFP	II	B
Pamlico Community College	Grantsboro	1977	2023	P	I	A
Pfeiffer University	Misenheimer	1942	2022	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Piedmont Community College	Roxboro	1977	2023	P	I	A
Pitt Community College	Winterville	1969	2023	P	I	A
Queens University of Charlotte	Charlotte	1932	2021	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Randolph Community College	Asheboro	1974	2020	P	I	A
Richmond Community College	Hamlet	1969	2024	P	I	A
Roanoke-Chowan Community College	Ahoskie	1976	2022	P	I	A
Robeson Community College	Lumberton	1975	2020	P	I	A
Rockingham Community College	Wentworth	1968	2024	P	I	A
Rowan-Cabarrus Community College	Salisbury	1970	2016	P	I	A
Saint Augustine's University	Raleigh	1942	2021	Pr, NFP	II	B
Salem College	Winston-Salem	1922	2020	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Sampson Community College	Clinton	1977	2024	P	I	A
Sandhills Community College	Pinehurst	1968	2024	P	I	A
Shaw University	Raleigh	1943	2022	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
South Piedmont Community College	Polkton	1977	2023	P	I	A
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary	Wake Forest	1978	2022	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Southeastern Community College	Whiteville	1967	2022	P	I	A
Southwestern Community College	Sylva	1971	2017	P	I	A
Stanly Community College	Albemarle	1979	2025	P	I	A
Surry Community College	Dobson	1969	2024	P	I	A
Tri-County Community College	Murphy	1975	2020	P	I	A
University of Mount Olive (formerly Mount Olive College)	Mount Olive	1960	2021	Pr, NFP	III	A B M

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The University of North Carolina at Asheville	Asheville	1958	2022	P	III	B M
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Chapel Hill	1895	2017	P	VI	B M E S D
The University of North Carolina at Charlotte	Charlotte	1957	2023	P	VI	B M E S D
The University of North Carolina at Greensboro	Greensboro	1921	2024	P	VI	B M E S D
University of North Carolina at Pembroke	Pembroke	1951	2020	P	III	B M
University of North Carolina School of the Arts	Winston-Salem	1970	2016	P	III	B M
The University of North Carolina at Wilmington	Wilmington	1952	2023	P	V	B M D
Vance Granville Community College	Henderson	1977	2023	P	I	A
Wake Forest University	Winston-Salem	1921	2016	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
Wake Technical Community College	Raleigh	1970	2025	P	I	A
Warren Wilson College	Asheville	1952	2025	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Wayne Community College	Goldsboro	1970	2016	P	I	A
Western Carolina University	Cullowhee	1946	2017	P	V	B M E S D
Western Piedmont Community College	Morganton	1968	2024	P	I	A
Wilkes Community College	Wilkesboro	1970	2016	P	I	A
William Peace University	Raleigh	1947	2022	Pr, NFP	II	B
Wilson Community College	Wilson	1969	2025	P	I	A
Wingate University	Wingate	1951	2016	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Winston-Salem State University	Winston-Salem	1947	2020	P	V	B M D

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Aiken Technical College	Aiken	1975	2021	P	I	A
Allen University	Columbia	1992	2017	Pr, NFP	II	B
Anderson University	Anderson	1959	2018	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Benedict College	Columbia	1946	2021	Pr, NFP	II	B
Central Carolina Technical College	Sumter	1970	2016	P	I	A
Charleston Southern University	Charleston	1970	2016	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
The Citadel	Charleston	1924	2024	P	IV	B M E S
Claflin University	Orangeburg	1947	2021	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Clemson University	Clemson	1927	2023	P	VI	B M E S D
Coastal Carolina University	Conway	1976	2022	P	V	A B M E S D
Coker College	Hartsville	1923	2025	Pr, NFP	III	B M

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College of Charleston	Charleston	1916	2017	P	III	B M
Columbia College	Columbia	1938	2022	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Columbia International University	Columbia	1982	2018	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Converse College	Spartanburg	1912	2017	Pr, NFP	IV	B M ES
Denmark Technical College	Denmark	1979	2025	P	I	A
Erskine College	Due West	1925	2022	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Florence-Darlington Technical College	Florence	1970	2016	P	I	A
Francis Marion University	Florence	1972	2018	P	IV	A B M ES
Furman University	Greenville	1924	2018	Pr, NFP	IV	B M ES
Greenville Technical College	Greenville	1968	2023	P	I	A
Horry-Georgetown Technical College	Conway	1972	2019	P	I	A
Lander University	Greenwood	1952	2017	P	III	B M
Limestone College	Gaffney	1928	2019	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Medical University of South Carolina	Charleston	1971	2017	P	VI	B M D
Midlands Technical College	Columbia	1974	2020	P	I	A
Morris College	Sumter	1978	2022	Pr, NFP	II	B
Newberry College	Newberry	1936	2022	Pr, NFP	II	B
North Greenville University	Tigerville	1957	2020	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Northeastern Technical College	Cheraw	1973	2018	P	I	A
Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College	Orangeburg	1970	2016	P	I	A
Piedmont Technical College	Greenwood	1972	2018	P	I	A
Presbyterian College	Clinton	1949	2017	Pr, NFP	V	B D
Sherman College of Chiropractic	Spartanburg	2002	2017	Pr, NFP	V	D
South Carolina State University	Orangeburg	1941	2020	P	V	B M ES D
Southern Wesleyan University	Central	1973	2019	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Spartanburg Community College	Spartanburg	1970	2016	P	I	A
Spartanburg Methodist College	Spartanburg	1957	2019	Pr, NFP	I	A
Technical College of the Lowcountry	Beaufort	1978	2024	P	I	A
Tri-County Technical College	Pendleton	1971	2017	P	I	A
Trident Technical College	North Charleston	1974	2021	P	I	A
University of South Carolina—Aiken	Aiken	1977	2021	P	III	A B M
University of South Carolina Beaufort	Bluffton	2004	2019	P	II	A B
University of South Carolina—Columbia	Columbia	1917	2021	P	VI	A B M ES D
University of South Carolina Upstate	Spartanburg	1976	2022	P	III	A B M
Voorhees College	Denmark	1946	2022	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Williamsburg Technical College	Kingstree	1977	2022	P	I	A
Winthrop University	Rock Hill	1923	2021	P	IV	B M ES
Wofford College	Spartanburg	1917	2017	Pr, NFP	II	B
York Technical College	Rock Hill	1970	2016	P	I	A

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Aquinas College	Nashville	1971	2021	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Austin Peay State University	Clarksville	1947	2024	P	IV	A B M ES
Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences	Memphis	1999	2025	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Belmont University	Nashville	1959	2021	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Bethel University	McKenzie	1952	2018	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Bryan College	Dayton	1969	2024	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Carson-Newman University	Jefferson City	1921	2023	Pr, NFP	V	B M ES D
Chattanooga State Community College	Chattanooga	1967	2021	P	I	A
Christian Brothers University	Memphis	1958	2020	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Cleveland State Community College	Cleveland	1969	2024	P	I	A
Columbia State Community College	Columbia	1968	2023	P	I	A
Cumberland University	Lebanon	1962	2020	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Dyersburg State Community College	Dyersburg	1971	2018	P	I	A
East Tennessee State University	Johnson City	1927	2023	P	VI	A B M ES D
Fisk University	Nashville	1930	2019	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Freed-Hardeman University	Henderson	1956	2021	Pr, NFP	V	B M ES
Jackson State Community College	Jackson	1969	2016	P	I	A
John A. Gupton College	Nashville	1971	2016	Pr, NFP	I	A
Johnson University (Merger of Johnson University with Florida Christian College)	Knoxville	2013*	2016	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
King University	Bristol	1947	2018	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Lane College	Jackson	1949	2023	Pr, NFP	II	B
Lee University	Cleveland	1960	2025	Pr, NFP	IV	B M ES
LeMoyne-Owen College	Memphis	1939	2023	Pr, NFP	II	B
Lincoln Memorial University	Harrogate	1936	2019	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M ES D
Lipscomb University	Nashville	1954	2017	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Martin Methodist College	Pulaski	1952	2019	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Maryville College	Maryville	1922	2024	Pr, NFP	II	B
Meharry Medical College	Nashville	1972	2017	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Memphis College of Art	Memphis	1963	2022	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Memphis Theological Seminary	Memphis	1988	2018	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary	Cordova	1981	2016	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia	Madison	1994	2019	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Middle Tennessee State University	Murfreesboro	1928	2016	P	VI	A B M ES D
Milligan College (Merger of Milligan College with Emmanuel Christian Seminary)	Milligan College	2015*	2022	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Motlow State Community College	Lynchburg	1971	2018	P	I	A

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Nashville State Community College	Nashville	1972	2018	P	I	A
Northeast State Community College	Blountville	1984	2021	P	I	A
Pellissippi State Community College	Knoxville	1977	2022	P	I	A
Pentecostal Theological Seminary	Cleveland	1984	2019	Pr, NFP	V	C M D
Rhodes College	Memphis	1911	2019	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Richmont Graduate University	Chattanooga	2003	2018	Pr, NFP	III	M
Roane State Community College	Harriman	1974	2020	P	I	A
South College	Knoxville	2000	2025	Pr, FP	V	A B M ED
Southern Adventist University	Collegedale	1950	2022	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Southern College of Optometry	Memphis	1967	2022	Pr, NFP	V	D
Southwest Tennessee Community College	Memphis	2000	2025	P	I	A
Tennessee State University	Nashville	1946	2020	P	VI	A B M ES D
Tennessee Technological University	Cookeville	1939	2016	P	V	A B M ES D
Tennessee Wesleyan College	Athens	1926	2020	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Trevecca Nazarene University	Nashville	1969	2023	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Tusculum College	Greeneville	1926	2020	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Union University	Jackson	1948	2017	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
The University of Memphis	Memphis	1927	2025	P	VI	B M ES D
University of the South	Sewanee	1895	2016	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
The University of Tennessee	Knoxville	2000	2025	P	VI	B M ES D
The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga	Chattanooga	1910	2021	P	VI	B M ES D
University of Tennessee Health Science Center	Memphis	2015*	2020	P	VI	BMD
The University of Tennessee at Martin	Martin	1951	2023	P	III	A B M
Vanderbilt University	Nashville	1895	2017	Pr, NFP	VI	B M ES D
Volunteer State Community College	Gallatin	1973	2020	P	I	A
Walters State Community College	Morristown	1972	2018	P	I	A
Watkins College of Art, Design & Film	Nashville	2010	2015	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Welch College	Nashville	1996	2021	Pr, NFP	II	A B

## Texas

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Abilene Christian University	Abilene	1971	2022	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Academy of Oriental Medicine at Austin	Austin	2009	2024	Pr, FP	V	M D
Alvin Community College	Alvin	1959	2021	P	I	A
Amarillo College	Amarillo	1933	2023	P	I	A



Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Amberton University	Garland	1981	2017	Pr, NFP	III	B M
American College of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine	Houston	2012	2017	Pr, FP	III	M
Angelina College	Lufkin	1970	2016	P	I	A
Angelo State University	San Angelo	1936	2023	P	V	A B M D
The Art Institute of Houston	Houston	2000	2025	Pr, FP	II	A B
Austin College	Sherman	1947	2019	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Austin Community College	Austin	1978	2023	P	I	A
Austin Graduate School of Theology	Austin	1987	2022	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary	Austin	1973	2019	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary	Jacksonville	1986	2021	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Baylor College of Medicine	Houston	1970	2016	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Baylor University	Waco	1914	2017	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
Blinn College	Brenham	1950	2025	P	I	A
Brazosport College	Lake Jackson	1970	2016	P	II	A B
Brite Divinity School	Fort Worth	2007	2021	Pr, NFP	V	D
Brookhaven College	Dallas	1979	2023	P	I	A
Cedar Valley College	Lancaster	1979	2023	P	I	A
Central Texas College	Killeen	1969	2025	P	I	A
Cisco College	Cisco	1958	2020	P	I	A
Clarendon College	Clarendon	1970	2016	P	I	A
Coastal Bend College	Beeville	1969	2024	P	I	A
College of Biblical Studies—Houston	Houston	2013	2018	Pr, NFP	II	A B
College of the Mainland	Texas City	1969	2023	P	I	A
Collin County Community College District	McKinney	1989	2025	P	I	A
Concordia University Texas	Austin	1968	2018	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Criswell College	Dallas	1985	2020	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Dallas Baptist University	Dallas	1959	2018	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Dallas Theological Seminary	Dallas	1969	2024	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Del Mar College	Corpus Christi	1946	2021	P	I	A
East Texas Baptist University	Marshall	1957	2019	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Eastfield College	Mesquite	1972	2023	P	I	A
El Centro College	Dallas	1968	2023	P	I	A
El Paso County Community College District	El Paso	1978	2023	P	I	A
Frank Phillips College	Borger	1958	2020	P	I	A
Galveston College	Galveston	1969	2025	P	I	A
Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics	Dallas	2005	2020	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Grayson College	Denison	1967	2022	P	I	A
Hardin-Simmons University	Abilene	1927	2017	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Hill College	Hillsboro	1966	2021	P	I	A
Houston Baptist University	Houston	1968	2021	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Houston Community College	Houston	1977	2022	P	I	A
Howard College	Big Spring	1955	2017	P	I	A
Howard Payne University	Brownwood	1948	2024	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Huston-Tillotson University	Austin	1943	2021	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Jacksonville College	Jacksonville	1974	2020	Pr, NFP	I	A
Jarvis Christian College	Hawkins	1967	2025	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Kilgore College	Kilgore	1939	2019	P	I	A
Lamar Institute of Technology	Beaumont	2000	2025	P	I	A
Lamar State College—Orange	Orange	1989	2025	P	I	A
Lamar State College—Port Arthur	Port Arthur	1988	2023	P	I	A
Lamar University	Beaumont	1955	2019	P	VI	A B M D
Laredo Community College	Laredo	1957	2020	P	I	A
Lee College	Baytown	1948	2016	P	I	A
LeTourneau University	Longview	1970	2016	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Lone Star College System	The Woodlands	1976	2022	P	I	A
Lubbock Christian University	Lubbock	1963	2018	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
McLennan Community College	Waco	1968	2022	P	I	A
McMurry University	Abilene	1949	2019	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Midland College	Midland	1975	2021	P	II	A B
Midwestern State University	Wichita Falls	1950	2023	P	III	A B M
Mountain View College	Dallas	1972	2023	P	I	A
Navarro College	Corsicana	1954	2016	P	I	A
North Central Texas College	Gainesville	1961	2022	P	I	A
North Lake College	Irving	1979	2023	P	I	A
Northeast Texas Community College	Mt. Pleasant	1987	2023	P	I	A
Northwest Vista College	San Antonio	2001	2016	P	I	A
Oblate School of Theology	San Antonio	1968	2019	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Odessa College	Odessa	1952	2022	P	I	A
Our Lady of the Lake University	San Antonio	1923	2022	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Palo Alto College	San Antonio	1987	2022	P	I	A
Panola College	Carthage	1960	2020	P	I	A
Paris Junior College	Paris	1934	2023	P	I	A
Parker University	Dallas	1987	2022	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Prairie View A&M University	Prairie View	1934	2020	P	VI	B M D
Ranger College	Ranger	1968	2023	P	I	A
Richland College	Dallas	1974	2023	P	I	A
Saint Philip's College	San Antonio	1951	2016	P	I	A
Sam Houston State University	Huntsville	1925	2019	P	V	B M D
San Antonio College	San Antonio	1952	2016	P	I	A

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
The San Jacinto College District	Pasadena	1966	2019	P	I	A
Schreiner University	Kerrville	1934	2019	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Seminary of the Southwest	Austin	1983	2024	Pr, NFP	III	M
South Plains College	Levelland	1963	2024	P	I	A
South Texas College	McAllen	1995	2021	P	II	A B
Southern Methodist University	Dallas	1921	2021	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
Southwest Texas Junior College	Uvalde	1964	2016	P	I	A
Southwestern Adventist University	Keene	1958	2016	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Southwestern Assemblies of God University	Waxahachie	1968	2022	Pr, NFP	V	A B M
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	Fort Worth	1969	2021	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
Southwestern Christian College	Terrell	1973	2019	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Southwestern University	Georgetown	1915	2023	Pr, NFP	II	B
St. Edward's University	Austin	1958	2017	Pr, NFP	III	B M
St. Mary's University	San Antonio	1949	2024	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Stephen F. Austin State University	Nacogdoches	1927	2021	P	VI	B M D
Sul Ross State University	Alpine	1929	2018	P	III	A B M
Tarleton State University	Stephenville	1926	2020	P	V	A B M D
Tarrant County College District	Fort Worth	1969	2024	P	I	A
Temple College	Temple	1959	2021	P	I	A
Texarkana College	Texarkana	1931	2016	P	I	A
Texas A&M International University	Laredo	1970	2025	P	V	A B M D
Texas A&M University (Merger of Texas A&M University and Texas A&M Health Science Center)	College Station	2013*	2022	P	VI	B M D
Texas A&M University—Central Texas (Formerly accredited as part of Tarleton State University)	Killeen	2013*	2018	P	IV	B M ES
Texas A&M University—Commerce	Commerce	1925	2024	P	V	B M D
Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi	1975	2020	P	VI	A B M D
Texas A&M University—Kingsville	Kingsville	1933	2025	P	VI	B M D
Texas A&M University—San Antonio (Formerly accredited as part of Texas A&M University—Kingsville)	San Antonio	2014*	2019	P	III	B M
Texas A&M University—Texarkana	Texarkana	1979	2016	P	V	B M D
Texas Chiropractic College	Pasadena	1984	2019	Pr, NFP	V	B D
Texas Christian University	Fort Worth	1922	2023	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
Texas College	Tyler	2001	2016	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Texas Lutheran University	Seguin	1940	2018	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Texas Southern University	Houston	1948	2020	P	VI	B M D
Texas Southmost College	Brownsville	1932–1995/2015*	2020	P	I	A

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Texas State Technical College (Merged Texas State Technical College in Harlingen, in West Texas, in Marshall, and in Waco)	Waco	2015*	2020	P	I	A
Texas State University	San Marcos	1925	2020	P	VI	B M D
Texas Tech University	Lubbock	1928	2025	P	VI	B M D
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center	Lubbock	2004	2019	P	VI	B M D
Texas Wesleyan University	Fort Worth	1949	2023	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Texas Woman's University	Denton	1923	2023	P	VI	B M D
Trinity University	San Antonio	1946	2018	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Trinity Valley Community College	Athens	1952	2017	P	I	A
Tyler Junior College	Tyler	1931	2021	P	I	A
The University of Dallas	Irving	1963	2024	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
University of Houston	Houston	1954	2018	P	VI	B M D
University of Houston-Clear Lake	Houston	1976	2022	P	V	B M D
University of Houston—Downtown	Houston	1976	2016	P	III	B M
University of Houston—Victoria	Victoria	1978	2024	P	III	B M
University of the Incarnate Word	San Antonio	1925	2025	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
University of Mary Hardin—Baylor	Belton	1926	2024	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
University of North Texas	Denton	1925	2016	P	VI	B M D
University of North Texas at Dallas (Formerly accredited as part of the University of North Texas)	Dallas	2013*	2018	P	III	B M
University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth	Fort Worth	1995	2020	P	VI	D
University of St. Thomas	Houston	1954	2025	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
The University of Texas at Arlington	Arlington	1964	2017	P	VI	B M D
The University of Texas at Austin	Austin	1901	2018	P	VI	B M D
University of Texas at Brownsville—Texas Southmost College **	Brownsville	1995	2018	P	V	A B M D
The University of Texas at Dallas	Richardson	1972	2018	P	VI	B M D
The University of Texas at El Paso	El Paso	1936	2016	P	VI	B M D
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	Houston	1973	2020	P	VI	B M D
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	San Antonio	1973	2018	P	V	B M D
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler	Tyler	2015	2020	P	III	M
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center	Houston	2005	2020	P	V	B M D
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston	Galveston	1973	2018	P	V	B M D
The University of Texas of the Permian Basin	Odessa	1975	2020	P	III	B M

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
The University of Texas of the Rio Grande Valley (Formerly called The University of Texas—Pan American)	Edinburg	1932	2017	P	V	A B M D
The University of Texas at San Antonio	San Antonio	1974	2020	P	VI	B M D
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	Dallas	1973	2019	P	VI	B M D
The University of Texas at Tyler	Tyler	1974	2020	P	V	B M D
Vernon College	Vernon	1974	2019	P	I	A
Victoria College	Victoria	1951	2024	P	I	A
Wade College	Dallas	1985	2020	Pr, FP	II	A B
Wayland Baptist University	Plainview	1956	2018	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Weatherford College	Weatherford	1956	2022	P	I	A
West Texas A&M University	Canyon	1925	2016	P	V	B M D
Western Texas College	Snyder	1973	2018	P	I	A
Wharton County Junior College	Wharton	1951	2019	P	I	A
Wiley College	Marshall	1933	2023	Pr, NFP	II	A B
William Marsh Rice University	Houston	1914	2016	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D

## Virginia

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Appalachian College of Pharmacy	Oakwood	2011	2016	Pr, NFP	V	D
Averett University	Danville	1928	2017	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Blue Ridge Community College	Weyers Cave	1969	2025	P	I	A
Bluefield College	Bluefield	1949	2023	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Bridgewater College	Bridgewater	1925	2022	Pr, NFP	II	B
Central Virginia Community College	Lynchburg	1969	2024	P	I	A
Christendom College	Front Royal	1996	2022	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Christopher Newport University	Newport News	1971	2017	P	III	B M
The College of William & Mary	Williamsburg	1921	2016	P	VI	A B M D
Dabney S. Lancaster Community College	Clifton Forge	1969	2024	P	I	A
Danville Community College	Danville	1970	2016	P	I	A
Eastern Mennonite University	Harrisonburg	1959	2020	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Eastern Shore Community College	Melfa	1973	2019	P	I	A
Eastern Virginia Medical School	Norfolk	1984	2019	Pr, NFP	V	M D
ECPI University	Virginia Beach	1998	2023	Pr, FP	III	A B M
Emory & Henry College	Emory	1925	2017	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Ferrum College	Ferrum	1960	2021	Pr, NFP	II	A B
George Mason University	Fairfax	1972	2021	P	VI	B M D

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Germana Community College	Locust Grove	1972	2018	P	I	A
Hampden-Sydney College	Hampden-Sydney	1919	2017	Pr, NFP	II	B
Hampton University	Hampton	1932	2018	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
Hollins University	Roanoke	1932	2017	Pr, NFP	III	B M
The Institute for the Psychological Sciences	Arlington	2005	2020	Pr, NFP	V	D
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College	Richmond	1974	2020	P	I	A
James Madison University	Harrisonburg	1927	2023	P	VI	B M E S D
Jefferson College of Health Sciences	Roanoke	1986	2020	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
John Tyler Community College	Chester	1969	2023	P	I	A
Liberty University, Inc.	Lynchburg	1980	2016	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M E S D
Longwood University	Farmville	1927	2024	P	III	B M
Lord Fairfax Community College	Middletown	1972	2018	P	I	A
Lynchburg College	Lynchburg	1927	2024	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Marine Corps University	Quantico	1999	2025	P	III	M
Mary Baldwin College	Staunton	1931	2017	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Marymount University	Arlington	1958	2018	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Mountain Empire Community College	Big Stone Gap	1974	2020	P	I	A
New River Community College	Dublin	1972	2018	P	I	A
Norfolk State University	Norfolk	1969	2018	P	V	A B M D
Northern Virginia Community College	Annandale	1968	2022	P	I	A
Old Dominion University	Norfolk	1961	2022	P	VI	B M E S D
Patrick Henry Community College	Martinsville	1972	2018	P	I	A
Paul D. Camp Community College	Franklin	1973	2019	P	I	A
Piedmont Virginia Community College	Charlottesville	1974	2020	P	I	A
Radford University	Radford	1928	2022	P	V	B M E S D
Randolph College	Lynchburg	1902	2021	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Randolph-Macon College	Ashland	1904	2018	Pr, NFP	II	B
Rappahannock Community College	Glenns	1973	2019	P	I	A
Regent University	Virginia Beach	1984	2019	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Richard Bland College	Petersburg	1961	2019	P	I	A
Roanoke College	Salem	1927	2022	Pr, NFP	II	B
Shenandoah University	Winchester	1973	2019	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Southern Virginia University	Buena Vista	2012	2017	Pr, NFP	II	B
Southside Virginia Community College	Alberta	1972	2018	P	I	A
Southwest Virginia Community College	Cedar Bluff	1970	2016	P	I	A
Sweet Briar College	Sweet Briar	1920	2021	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Thomas Nelson Community College	Hampton	1970	2016	P	I	A
Tidewater Community College	Norfolk	1971	2017	P	I	A
Union Presbyterian Seminary	Richmond	1997	2022	Pr, NFP	V	M D

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
University of Mary Washington	Fredericksburg	1930	2023	P	III	B M
University of Richmond	Richmond	1910	2018	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
University of Virginia	Charlottesville	1904	2017	P	VI	B M E S D
The University of Virginia's College at Wise	Wise	1970	2016	P	II	B
Virginia Commonwealth University	Richmond	1953	2024	P	VI	A B M D
Virginia Highlands Community College	Abingdon	1972	2018	P	I	A
Virginia Military Institute	Lexington	1926	2017	P	II	B
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Blacksburg	1923	2019	P	VI	A B M D
Virginia State University	Petersburg	1933	2018	P	V	B M D
Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine	Roanoke	2014	2019	Pr, NFP	V	D
Virginia Union University	Richmond	1935	2020	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Virginia Wesleyan College	Norfolk	1970	2016	Pr, NFP	II	B
Virginia Western Community College	Roanoke	1969	2024	P	I	A
Washington and Lee University	Lexington	1895	2019	Pr, NFP	V	B D
Wytheville Community College	Wytheville	1970	2016	P	I	A

## International

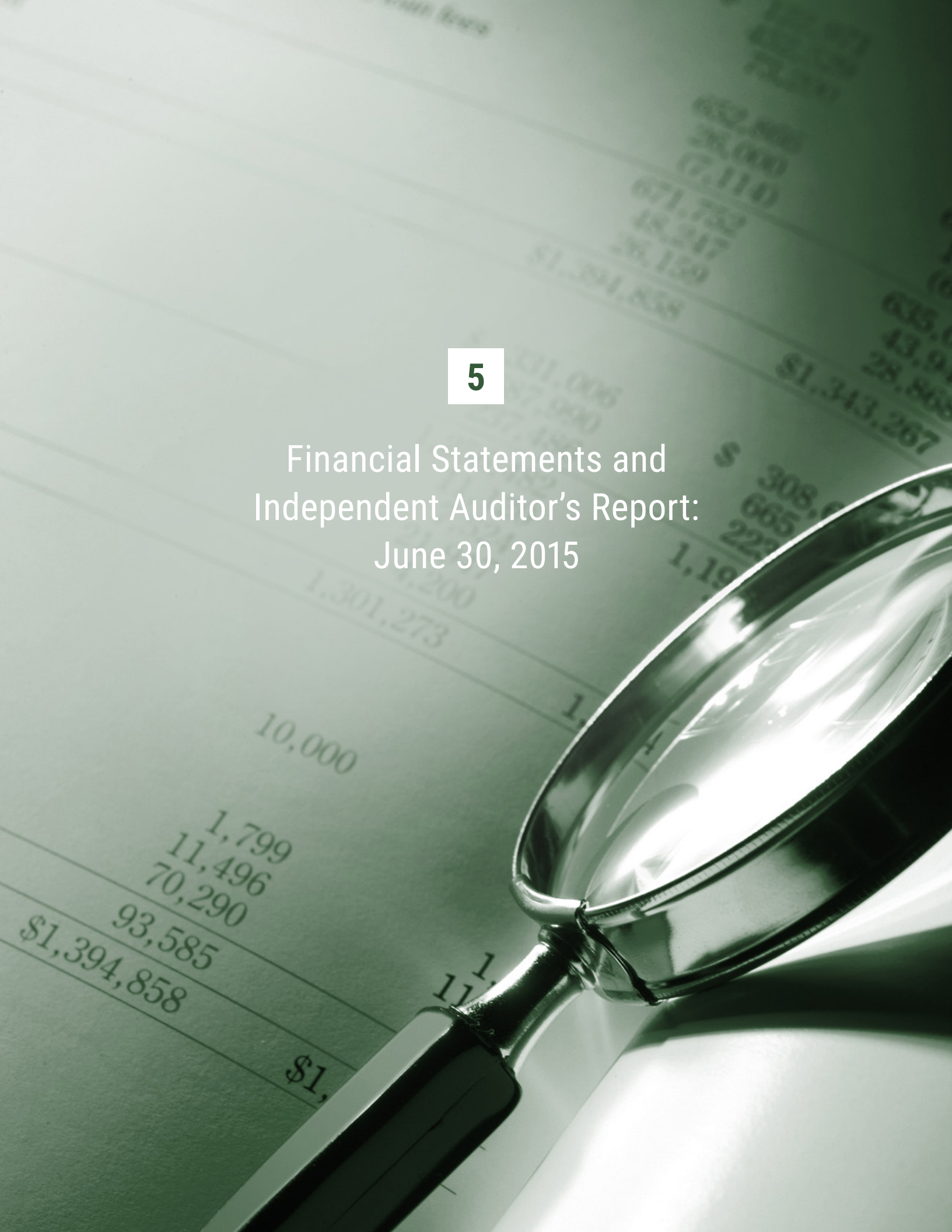
Institution	Country	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
The American University in Dubai	United Arab Emirates	2007	2022	Pr, FP	III	B M
Fundacion Universidad de las Americas Puebla	Mexico	1959	2025	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
Instituto Centroamericano de Administracion de Empresas	Costa Rica	1994	2019	Pr, NFP	III	M
Instituto Tecnologico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey	Mexico	1950	2018	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
Universidad de las Americas—A.C.	Mexico	1991	2017	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Universidad de Monterrey	Mexico	2001	2016	Pr, NFP	III	B M

## Candidate Institution

Institution	City	State	Governance	Level	Degree Offered	Candidacy Date
Oconee Fall Line Technical College	Sandersville	GA	P	I	A	11–Jun–15

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Financial Statements and  
Independent Auditor's Report:  
June 30, 2015





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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

Board of Trustees  
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
Commission on Colleges, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc. (the Commission), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2015, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Commission's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Commission as of June 30, 2015, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C.*

CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, LLC

Atlanta, Georgia  
October 5, 2015

**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc.**  
**Statement of Financial Position**

June 30, 2015

<b>Assets</b>	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,309,334
Investments	6,332,360
Receivables	
Accreditation visitations	304,322
Other	160,936
	465,258
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	20,000
	445,258
Current portion, litigation settlements, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$132,498	132,498
Other current assets	238,007
	11,457,457
Total current assets	11,457,457
Property and equipment, net	3,696,899
Other assets	
Website development costs	156,884
Litigation settlements, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$435,062, less current portion	435,062
Due from related parties	24,418
Investments - deferred compensation	404,028
	1,020,392
Total assets	\$ 16,174,748

**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc.**  
**Statement of Financial Position (Continued)**

June 30, 2015

**Liabilities and Net Assets**

Current liabilities

Accounts payable - trade	\$	188,955
Accrued expenses		502,014
Deferred revenue		
Membership dues		3,202,801
Other		1,601,279
Current portion due to related party - post retirement benefit obligation		159,429

Total current liabilities		5,654,478
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Deferred compensation		404,028
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Due to related party - post-retirement benefit obligation, less current portion		2,117,322
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Commitments and contingencies		-
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Total net assets, unrestricted		7,998,920
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<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>		<b>\$ 16,174,748</b>
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*The accompanying footnotes are an integral part of this statement.*

**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc.**  
**Statement of Activities**

Year ended June 30, 2015

<b>Revenues and support</b>	
Membership dues	\$ 5,903,018
Registration fees and exhibits	3,557,796
Application and special fees	765,366
Dividend and interest income	157,544
Net realized and unrealized loss on investments	(85,133)
Other income	150,163
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Total revenues and support	10,448,754
<b>Expenses for accreditation and supporting services</b>	
Employee compensation and benefits	6,988,751
General and administrative	2,684,359
Meetings, workshops and seminars	1,120,078
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Total expenses for accreditation and supporting services	10,793,188
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<b>Change in net assets, unrestricted</b>	(344,434)
<b>Net assets, unrestricted at June 30, 2014</b>	8,343,354
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<b>Net assets, unrestricted at June 30, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 7,998,920</b>
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**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc.**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**

Year ended June 30, 2015

**Operating activities**

Change in net assets	\$ (344,434)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities	
Provision (recovery) for doubtful accounts	(122,498)
Depreciation	201,091
Net realized and unrealized loss on investments	85,133
(Increase) decrease in assets and increase (decrease) in liabilities	
Receivables	(301,947)
Litigation settlements	294,996
Due to/from related parties	306,185
Prepaid expenses	54,868
Accounts payable - trade	(248,321)
Accrued expenses	51,953
Deferred revenue	(101,867)

Net cash used in operating activities (124,841)

**Investing activities**

Capital expenditures and capitalized software costs	(15,295)
Net purchases of investments	(93,484)

Net cash used in investing activities (108,779)

**Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents (233,620)**

**Cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2014 4,542,954**

**Cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2015 \$ 4,309,334**

**Supplemental schedule of non-cash investing and financing activities and certain cash flow information:**

There were no noncash investing and financing activities during the year ended June 30, 2015.

*The accompanying footnotes are an integral part of this statement.*

## **Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc.**

### **Notes to Financial Statements**

#### **NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accompanying financial statements include the accounts of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc. (the Commission), a Georgia nonprofit corporation, without capital stock, and a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Inc. (SACS). The Commission was incorporated exclusively for educational purposes, and is the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the southern United States. The Commission grants normal credit terms to its members.

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

A summary of the significant accounting policies of the Commission applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements follows.

#### ***Financial Statement Presentation***

The Commission's financial statements are prepared in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 958, *Not-for-Profit Entities* (ASC 958). Under ASC 958, the Commission is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets and permanently restricted net assets. The Commission considers all of its net assets to be unrestricted net assets. In addition, the Commission is required to present a statement of cash flows.

#### ***Allowance for Doubtful Accounts***

The Commission provides an allowance for doubtful accounts equal to the estimated collection losses that will be incurred in the collection of all receivables. The estimated losses are based upon historical collection experience coupled with a review of the current status of existing receivables.

#### ***Property and Equipment***

Property and equipment is stated at cost. The Commission capitalizes property and equipment with a cost of \$1,000 or more and a useful life in excess of one year. Depreciation of property and equipment is provided in amounts sufficient to relate the cost of depreciable assets to operations over their estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis.



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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

***Property and Equipment (continued)***

The components of property and equipment at June 30, 2015, are as follows:

Class of Asset	Estimated Useful Lives (years)	
Building	25	\$ 2,769,875
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	3-10	1,637,818
		4,407,693
Less accumulated depreciation		1,960,794
		2,446,899
Land		1,250,000
		\$ 3,696,899

***Website Development Costs***

Website development costs relate to a system being developed by the Commission to support the production of webinars. The system will allow schools to access training and other webinars to help further support the relationship between the Commission and the schools it services. Costs incurred during application development have been capitalized in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The following is a summary of website development costs at June 30, 2015:

Software and hardware - not in service	\$ 28,076
Web-based training modules-not in service	128,808
	\$ 156,884

Website development costs will be amortized over its estimated useful life and the amortization expense will be charged to operations. No charges have been made to depreciation and amortization, as the system has not reached technological feasibility as of June 30, 2015. Total budgeted costs for the system are expected to be approximately \$157,000 and will reach technological feasibility in fiscal year 2016.

***Revenue Recognition***

Revenue is recognized as services are provided and on a pro-rata basis over the accreditation period. Revenue from publication sales is recognized upon shipment to the customer.

***Deferred Revenue***

Deferred revenue reported as a current liability represents membership dues and registration fees related to future periods, which were received prior to the end of the fiscal year.

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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

***Concentrations of Credit Risk***

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the Commission to concentrations of credit risk, are principally receivables and investments. Concentration of credit risk with respect to receivables is limited due to the members comprising the Commission's member base and the profession in which its members operate. To reduce risk, the Commission routinely assesses the financial strength of its members and, as a consequence, believes that its receivables credit risk exposure is limited. Concentration of credit risk with respect to investments is limited due to the diversified nature of the Commission's investment portfolio (Note 2). To further reduce credit risk, the Commission's Administrative Council and the Trust Department of the Commission's principal investment institution routinely assess the financial strength and diversification of the investments.

***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Commission considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

***Income Taxes***

The Commission is exempt from federal income taxes under the provisions of §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). The Internal Revenue Service has also determined that the Commission is not a private foundation as defined by §509(a)(1) of the Code.

**NOTE 2: INVESTMENTS**

Investments at June 30, 2015, are recorded at market value based on quoted market prices in accordance with FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* (ASC 820). The Commission's investments represent funds held for future operational or capital needs. Changes in the basis of investments held at the end of the year are reflected in the statement of activities as unrealized appreciation/depreciation in the market value of investments. Realized gains and losses on the sale of investments are recorded based upon the difference between the proceeds and the basis of the investments. The basis of the investments is determined by the specific-identification method. Interest income and dividends are recognized when earned.

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**NOTE 2: INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

ASC 820 defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (exit price).

ASC 820 classifies inputs used to measure fair value into the following hierarchy:

Level 1 - Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 - Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities, or unadjusted quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability.

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

Assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis comprise investments totaling \$6,332,360 as of June 30, 2015.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, investments at fair value as of June 30, 2015:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Publicly traded commons stocks	\$ 3,662,396	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,662,396
Fixed income - bonds and bond mutual funds	1,533,785	-	-	1,533,785
Alternative strategies - publicly traded mutual funds	631,760	-	-	631,760
Publicly traded real estate investment trusts	318,616	-	-	318,616
Exchange traded fund	185,803	-	-	185,803
	<u>\$ 6,332,360</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,332,360</u>

Generally, for all investments, fair value is determined by reference to quoted market prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions. The investments are managed by Fifth Third Bank.

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**NOTE 3: LITIGATION SETTLEMENTS**

In August 2007, the Commission was named as a defendant in a lawsuit filed by a member. The member was seeking restoration of accreditation, related costs and attorney's fees. In May 2010, a consent order was issued whereby the Commission agreed to continue the member's accreditation for an additional year ending in May 2011. Also in May 2010, a release of claims and settlement agreement was reached between the Commission and member, awarding the Commission the recovery of attorney fees in the amount of \$1,000,000. In accordance with the settlement, the member paid \$200,000 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. The member also signed a note payable to the Commission for the remaining \$800,000, to be payable in annual installments of \$100,000, with the final installment and accrued interest, at a rate of 3%, to be paid on January 31, 2020.

At June 30, 2015, the Commission has recognized the settlement award as a note receivable in the amount of \$400,000, net of an estimated allowance for doubtful accounts of approximately \$200,000.

The Commission filed a lawsuit against a member during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. The member was originally seeking restoration of accreditation, of which the court did not grant. The Commission filed suit seeking the recovery of attorney's fees related to previous suits. In October 2011, a release of claims and settlement agreement was reached between them. The member signed a note payable to the Commission for \$600,000, to be payable in ten annual installments of various amounts, with the final installment and accrued interest, at a rate of 3%, to be paid on June 30, 2020. At June 30, 2015, the Commission has recognized the settlement award as a note receivable in the amount of \$375,000, net of an estimated allowance for doubtful accounts of approximately \$187,500.

In August 2009, the Commission was named as a defendant in a lawsuit filed by a member. The member was seeking restoration of accreditation. In December 2011, a release of claims and settlement agreement was reached where the Commission was awarded a recovery of attorney fees in the amount of \$550,000. In accordance with the settlement, the member is required to pay seven annual installments of various amounts including interest at a rate of 3%, with the final payment to be made June 30, 2018. At June 30, 2015, the Commission has recognized the settlement award as a note receivable in the amount of \$360,000, net of an estimated allowance for doubtful accounts of approximately \$180,000.

**NOTE 4: PENSION AND POSTRETIREMENT PLANS**

The Commission has a contributory Defined Contribution Pension Plan (the Plan) in which substantially all employees of the Commission are required to participate. Under the requirements of the Plan, the employees contribute 2.5% of their regular salary (as defined), and the Commission contributes 12.5% of the employee's regular salary (as defined) for the purchase of individual deferred mutual funds from Lincoln Financial. The Commission's pension expense for the year ended June 30, 2015, was approximately \$573,000.

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**NOTE 4: PENSION AND POSTRETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)**

The Commission, along with the Career and Technical Education Consortium of States, Inc. (CTECS) and Advance Education, Inc. (AdvancED), provides certain health care insurance benefits for retired employees and their dependents. The Plan has been closed to new participants. Certain employees become eligible for health care insurance benefits if they retire after they reach 60 years of age and achieve 10 years of continuous service while working for the Commission. The Commission accounts for these benefits under FASB ASC 715, *Compensation - Retirement Benefits* (ASC 715), which requires a company that sponsors a postretirement benefit plan to recognize in its statement of financial position, the funded status of a benefit plan.

Each entity is responsible for employee benefits for employees that retired from each respective entity. Based on the allocations of employees retired from each employer, approximately 60% of the benefit obligations have been allocated to the Commission, and the remaining portion has been allocated to CTECS and AdvancED. The Commission contributed approximately \$163,000 to pay benefits during the year ended June 30, 2015.

The disclosure below represents the total benefit obligation for the entire plan as well as the Commission's allocated portion.

***Obligations and Funded Status***

The change in the postretirement benefit obligation for the year ended June 30, 2015, is as follows:

	Total Plan	Commission Portion
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 3,558,173	\$ 2,059,995
Service cost	35,933	21,422
Interest cost	163,569	97,512
Actuarial loss	334,350	260,548
Benefits paid	(272,959)	(162,726)
<b>Benefit obligation at end of year</b>	<b>\$ 3,819,066</b>	<b>\$ 2,276,751</b>

The change in the Plan's assets for the Plan for the year ended June 30, 2015, is as follows:

	Total Plan	Commission Portion
Plan assets at beginning of year	\$ -	\$ -
Employer contributions	272,959	162,726
Benefits paid	(272,959)	(162,726)
<b>Plan assets at year end</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

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**NOTE 4: PENSION AND POSTRETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)**

***Obligations and Funded Status (continued)***

Amounts recognized in the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2015, are as follows:

	Total Plan	Commission Portion
Current liabilities	\$ (267,429)	\$ (159,429)
Noncurrent liabilities	(3,551,637)	(2,117,322)
<b>Funded status</b>	<b>\$ (3,819,066)</b>	<b>\$ (2,276,751)</b>

Amounts recognized in net assets:

	Total Plan	Commission Portion
Net actuarial loss	\$ 1,333,987	\$ 795,261
<b>Accumulated change in net assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,333,987</b>	<b>\$ 795,261</b>

**Components of Net Periodic Benefit Cost and Other Amounts Recognized in Net Assets**

Net Periodic Benefit Cost:

	Total Plan	Commission Portion
Service cost	\$ 35,933	\$ 21,422
Interest cost	163,569	97,512
<b>Net periodic benefit cost</b>	<b>\$ 199,502</b>	<b>\$ 118,934</b>

Other Changes in the Plan assets and benefit obligations recognized in net assets:

Actuarial loss	\$ 334,350	\$ 199,324
Net periodic benefit cost	199,502	118,934
<b>Total recognized in net periodic benefit cost and net assets:</b>	<b>\$ 533,852</b>	<b>\$ 318,258</b>

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**NOTE 4: PENSION AND POSTRETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)**

***Weighted Average Assumptions***

For disclosure as of June 30, 2015:

Discount rate	4.29%
Medical trend rate	7.00% grades to 5.00% over 4 years

For measuring net periodic cost at the beginning of year:

Discount rate	4.20%
Medical trend rate	7.50% grades to 5.00% over 5 years

The Commission, CTECS and AdvancED expect to contribute a combined \$273,000 to the postretirement benefit plan from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

The following benefit payments, which reflect expected future service and decrements as appropriate, discount rate projections, and health care cost trend rate estimates, are expected to be paid for subsequent fiscal years:

Year ending June 30,	Total Plan	Commission Portion
2016	\$ 273,000	\$ 162,750
2017	279,000	166,327
2018	292,000	174,077
2019	286,000	170,500
2020	279,000	166,327
2021-2024	1,291,000	769,635
	\$ 2,700,000	\$ 1,609,616

If the health care cost trend rates were increased by 1% for all future years, the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation for the total plan as of June 30, 2015, would have increased by approximately \$303,000. The aggregate of the service and interest cost for the total plan for the year ended June 30, 2015, would have increased by approximately \$18,000. If the health care cost trend rates were decreased by 1% for all future years, the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation for the total plan as of June 30, 2015, would have decreased by approximately \$257,000. The aggregate of the service and interest cost for the total plan for the year ended June 30, 2015, would have decreased by approximately \$15,000.

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**NOTE 5: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

The Commission leases certain vehicles and equipment under non-cancelable lease agreements expiring at various dates through September 2016. The leases are classified as operating leases in accordance with FASB ASC 840, *Leases*. Rent expense was approximately \$68,000 for the year ended June 30, 2015.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments required under the non-cancelable operating leases as of June 30, 2015:

Year ending June 30,	Total Plan
2016	\$ 68,000
2017	27,000
	\$ 95,000

The Commission has cash deposits and investment accounts with financial institutions, which fluctuate from time to time in excess of the insured limitation of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. If these financial institutions were not to honor their contractual liability, the Commission could incur losses. Management is of the opinion that there is no risk of loss because of the financial strength of these financial institutions.

From time to time, the Commission may have asserted and unasserted claims arising in the normal course of business, most often these claims involve the Commission's denial of accreditation of a member institution. The Commission does not expect losses, if any, arising from these asserted and unasserted claims to have a material effect on the financial statements.

**NOTE 6: DEFERRED COMPENSATION**

The Commission has entered into deferred compensation agreements with certain current and former employees. These agreements require the Commission to pay a portion of each employee's salary into a salary continuation account that is invested into certain investments as defined by the agreements. These payments are required to continue through each employee's stated vested date. Upon retirement and participant request, the fair values of the salary continuation accounts are to be paid to the employees in sixty substantially equal monthly installments. At June 30, 2015, the investments – deferred compensation are presented at fair value based on Level 2 measurements.



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### **NOTE 7: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

SACS has an agreement with an insurance carrier whereby SACS and the Commission's group health insurance are partially self-insured. Under the agreement, SACS and the Commission fund each employee and/or his/her dependent claims up to a maximum of \$50,000 annually. The maximum liability to the claim fund cannot exceed \$1,000,000 annually. At June 30, 2015, the Commission had no unfunded liability for submitted claims. Claims for occurrences prior to June 30, 2015, were unknown at that date and are estimated to be insignificant.

As discussed in Note 4, SACS also maintains a plan that provides certain health care insurance benefits for retired employees and their dependents. The Commission has certain employees and former employees that participate in this plan. SACS accounts for these benefits under FASB ASC 715, which requires an entity that sponsors a postretirement benefit plan to recognize in its statement of financial position, the funded status of the benefit plan. Accordingly, the entire funded status at June 30, 2015, has been recorded by SACS.

The Commission's portion of the obligation in the amount of \$2,276,751 has been recognized as due to related party - post retirement benefit obligation in the accompanying statement of financial position.

During the year ended June 30, 2015, the Commission charged CTECS \$50,000 for the use of business administration personnel and office space. At June 30, 2015, the Commission had a receivable of approximately \$20,000 due from CTECS for various operating expenses paid by the Commission on behalf of CTECS.

Management of the Commission jointly approves the annual operating budget for SACS with AdvancED and funds approximately 50% of this through a contribution to SACS. While the Commission is not legally obligated to fund the operations of SACS, management plans to continue funding half of the SACS operating budget for the foreseeable future. The Commission's portion of SACS operations amounted to approximately \$30,000 for the year ended June 30, 2015.

### **NOTE 8: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 5, 2015, which is the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.



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