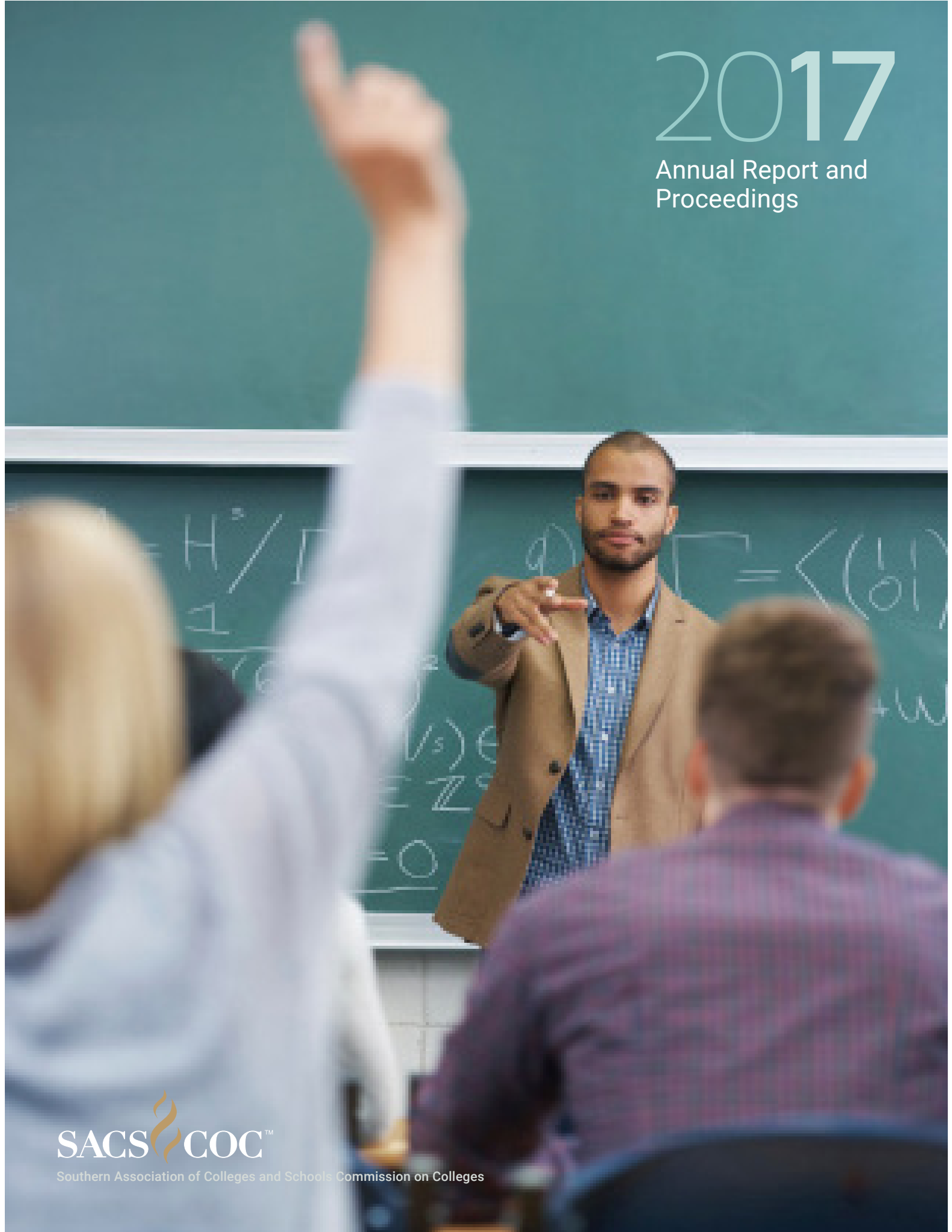


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— Nancy B. Moody

## Message from the Chair of SACSCOC Board of Trustees



This year marks a year of completion for SACSCOC. In the ever-changing world of higher education and accreditation, our work visibly demonstrates SACSCOC's core values of peer review and continuity of quality.

As a collective, we should celebrate the accomplishments achieved this year. My predecessor initiated the review of our *Principles of Accreditation*. This effort involved colleagues from various institutions and administrative positions. The committee reviewed each standard and made revisions that clarified the expectations of the *Principles*, reduced redundancy, and better organized the topics. Many of you provided input, ensuring that the *Principles* provided an opportunity to strengthen institutional quality and enhance the academic experience for all our constituencies.

Yet, our work is not isolated to the Southern region. We are involved in national conversations regarding accreditation. We have participated with other regional accreditors, addressing many issues such as dual enrollment, graduation and completion rates, as well as the public's expectations of accreditors. Our *Principles* and our adherence to the peer review process keeps SACSCOC as an entity that is well respected at the federal level. To that end, the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI), an advisory committee to the U.S. Department of Education, recommended recognition for an additional five years when SACSCOC was before it in June 2017.

While the Board of Trustees, the President and our institutional colleagues have achieved several significant goals, many challenges remain for accrediting agencies. These important conversations require our active participation. The best round-table for these discussions will occur during your service as peer reviewers. Such service ensures that SACSCOC attends to the public demand for integrity and quality as our institutions foster student success.

As we complete another segment of our work, we know that new opportunities await that will strengthen and enhance the academic success of students; improve the overall environment for our faculty scholars; and inspire the work of dedicated staff members at our institutions. I leave my tenure as the Chair of the 2017 SACSCOC Board of Trustees with confidence in knowing that this organization is doing well because of the good work of each of you.

Nancy B. Moody  
Chair, SACSCOC Board of Trustees

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– Belle S. Wheelan



## Message from the President of SACSCOC



Another year, another opportunity to assist our members in their pursuit of excellence! And what a busy year it was. SACSCOC went through the renewal of the Recognition process with the U.S. Department of Education (DOE). That process is very similar to the reaffirmation process each of our member institutions experience every ten years; however, for accreditors it is an every five year process. In order for institutions to be able to avail themselves of federal financial aid, they must be accredited by a DOE recognized accreditor. We were successful in again being recognized for five years (we have been recognized since the mid-1950s) but I confess that with each of those experiences, I better understand the angst of having to explain to others the value accreditation provides.

Additionally, visits to Capitol Hill provided many more opportunities to explain what we mean by quality institutions, as well as to explain that low graduation rates do not always mean poor performing institutions. Sometimes, it has to do with the way we count students who attend, how they attend, how long it takes them to complete, and from where. There is no denying that we must focus on student SUCCESS! Our country is dependent upon us to provide not only educated citizens but a strong workforce so getting them into college is no longer enough. We must get them out prepared.

Of the approximately 66 members of the House and Senate Education Committees, 21 are from states within the Southern region and I was able to meet with all but four of them or their legislative assistants. Included among them are the Chairs of BOTH the House and Senate Committees and the Ranking member of the House Committee so, I feel obligated to make sure that the concerns of our member institutions are heard.

Meanwhile, back at home, we continue to replace retiring staff members, work on finalizing the implementation of our new data management system, hold training sessions for peer reviewers, and prepare for our two professional development meetings (Summer Institute and Annual Meeting). Additionally, the work of the Principles Review Committee was completed with the College Delegate Assembly adopting the revisions to the *Principles of Accreditation*. Many thanks to Dr. Sandra Jordan who chaired the Committee, along with all of the hard working members who worked diligently to make it happen.

As I complete my thirteenth year as President of the Commission, I continue to be grateful for the support each and every member institution provides to the Commission and to the students they serve. This is not a job but a passion and I thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving.

Sincerely,

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 2017, two Vice Presidents, a Director, and a Coordinator joined SACSCOC to replace departing staff members. Read about Dr. Denise Y. Young, Dr. Robin E. Zúñiga, Ms. Rosalind Fuse-Hall, and Dr. Stephanie L. Kirschmann in the following paragraphs.

Dr. Michael S. Johnson, Senior Vice President and Chief of Staff and Dr. Cheryl D. Cardell, Vice President, both retired in June, 2017. Ms. Carol A. Luthman, Director of Legal and Governmental Affairs, and Commission Support, retired in July.

Dr. Larry L. Earvin was promoted to Chief of Staff and Dr. Steven M. Sheeley was named Senior Vice President.

### Dr. Denise York Young



Dr. Denise York Young most recently served the University of North Georgia as the Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness. Prior to that she was Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness at North Georgia College and State University; Assistant Provost and Director of Institutional Research at the University of Dallas; Associate Director of Strategic Planning and Analysis at the University of Texas at Dallas; and as Nevada State Demographer at the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Dr. Young received the B.S in Mathematics and the B.S. in Animal Science from the University of Nevada, Reno; the M.S. in Animal Science from North Carolina State University; and the Ph.D. in Higher Education/Educational Research from the University of North Texas. She has led multiple universities through SACSCOC reaffirmations and several substantive changes; taught courses in higher education, statistics, and biology, among other topics; served as a statistician for the Internal Revenue Service and as an actuarial analyst for a health insurance company. Dr. Young is a published author and was an assistant editor for the *Journal of Animal Science*. She has completed all three steps of the Planning Institute sponsored by the Society for College and University Planning (SCUP). She was selected as a Fellow for year-long participation in the *Leadership Development Institute* sponsored by the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities and as a participant in the Harvard *Institute for Management and Leadership in Higher Education*. Dr. Young joined the staff in February 2017.

### Dr. Robin E. Zúñiga



Dr. Robin E. Zúñiga joined the SACSCOC administrative staff in February 2017, as Coordinator of Substantive Change. She holds the M.A. in Political Science with an emphasis on public policy analysis and electoral behavior from the University of Massachusetts – Amherst; and the M.A. in Program Evaluation and the Ph.D. in Educational Psychology, both from the University of Texas at Austin. Prior to joining SACSCOC, Dr. Zúñiga served at the University of Texas Health Science Center providing guidance on academic assessment, authoring

compliance reports, and coordinating the Quality Enhancement Plan. Dr. Zúñiga has also been a Senior Research Associate at SEDL, a nonprofit educational research organization; a Senior Program Evaluator at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; the Assistant Director of the Flashlight Program for the effective use of technology in instruction at the TLT Group; and a Senior Research Associate at the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. Her professional accomplishments include evaluating statewide initiatives; managing evaluation studies; the design, data collection and management of custom databases for evaluation studies; training faculty; evaluating grant funded technology integration programs; projecting national enrollment trends; and analyzing national and regional higher education policy issues.

### **Ms. Rosalind Fuse-Hall**



Ms. Rosalind Fuse-Hall, J.D., a North Carolina native, came to SACSCOC in March 2017, to serve as Director of Legal and Governmental Affairs, and Commission Support. Prior to this appointment she served as President of Bennett College, as Chief of Staff at Florida A&M University, at North Carolina Central University, as Corporate Secretary for the Board of Governors for the University of North Carolina system, as Associate Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and as director of Minority Affairs at St. Lawrence University. Roz is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at

Chapel Hill and Rutgers School of Law. She began her professional career as a judicial law clerk and then as a staff attorney in the Enforcement Division of the US Securities and Exchange Commission in the New York Regional Office.

### **Dr. Stephanie L. Kirschmann**



Dr. Stephanie L. Kirschmann joined SACSCOC in May 2017, after serving as Vice President for Quality Assurance, Policy, & Planning at LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas. At LeTourneau, Dr. Kirschmann wore many hats, including Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for the Global [Online and Graduate] Campus, and Associate Provost for Academic Administration and Quality Assurance. Prior to that she served Richmond Graduate University as Registrar, Director of Records, Director of Institutional Effectiveness; and as Registration Coordinator and VA Certification Officer, as well as Transcripts Manager and

Affiliations Coordinator at Southern Adventist University. Dr. Kirschmann received the B.A. in Religious Studies and the M.S. in Marriage and Family Therapy from Southern Adventist University and the Ed.D. in Higher Education Leadership and Policy from Vanderbilt University. Dr. Kirschmann has taught psychology and research and statistical methods, and is both a presenter and a published author.

## Leadership, Service, and Outstanding Chair Award Recipients

Each year, SACSCOC recognizes leadership and service to the Commission with three awards—the James T. Rogers Distinguished Leadership Award, the Meritorious Service Awards, and 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. One individual received this honor. In 2017, the SACSCOC Board of Trustees honored Carol A. Luthman, retiring Director of Legal and Governmental Affairs, and Commission Support, by renaming the Meritorious Service Awards the **Carol A. Luthman Meritorious Service Awards**. Ms. Luthman served the Commission for more than thirty years and was also staff liaison to the Board. These 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. Five people received this award. Also named for a former SACSCOC staff member, the **Demetria N. Gibbs Outstanding Chair Award** is given to a review committee chair who has demonstrated exceptional leadership in working with committee members. One individual received this award. Recipients of this year's awards are listed in the following paragraphs.

### James T. Rogers Distinguished Leadership Award Recipient

**Haywood L. Strickland**, President, Wiley College, Marshall, Tex.

### Carol A. Luthman Meritorious Service Award Recipients

**Stephen R. Briggs**, President, Berry College, Mount Berry, Ga.

**Myra N. Burnett**, Vice President Institutional Research/Planning/Effectiveness, Spelman College, Atlanta, Ga.

**Debbie C. Norris**, Vice President for Planning and Assessment & Graduate Dean, Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.

**Suzanne Ozment**, Interim Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs, Lander University, Greenwood, S.C.

**Deana M. Savage**, Special Advisor to the President, Midland College, Midland, Tex.

### Demetria N. Gibbs Outstanding Chair Award Recipient

**Keith P. Keeran**, Chancellor, Kentucky Christian University, Grayson, Ky.

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*Left to right: Belle S. Wheelan, President, SACSCOC; Carol A. Luthman, former Director of Legal and Governmental Affairs, and Commission Support, SACSCOC; Stephen R. Briggs, President, Berry College; Debbie C. Norris, Vice President for Planning and Assessment & Graduate Dean, Mississippi College; Haywood L. Strickland, President, Wiley College; Deanna M. Savage, Special Advisor to the President, Midland College; Myra N. Burnett, Vice President for Institutional Research/Planning/Effectiveness, Spelman College; Suzanne Ozment, Interim Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs, Lander University; and Nancy B. Moody, Chair SACSCOC Board of Trustees.*

# SACSCOC Activities

## Accreditation Actions

The following table describes the type and number of cases of accreditation actions taken by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees during the past ten-year period. 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 changes.

TYPE OF ACTION	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Totals
Reaffirmation of accreditation	73	80	87	78	77	76	87	83	80	71	792
Denial of reaffirmation & imposition/continuation of a sanction	7	10	12	14	10	6	1	1	8	3	72
Initial candidacy/ renewal of candidacy	8	0	8	5	4	3	1	1	3	3	36
Initial accreditation	4	8	3	4	4	5	5	3	1	3	40
Removal from candidacy/denial of accreditation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Approval of change of degree level	13	15	19	19	14	21	8	14	12	11	146
Approval of other substantive change	3	12	5	9	17	14	7	12	14	37	130
Deny approval of substantive change	6	9	7	5	7	8	6	11	8	7	74
Substantive change review by a committee	32	35	32	39	42	39	44	65	52	59	439
Review of unreported substantive change	78	58	57	41	19	21	27	23	25	27	376
Review of Monitoring & Referral Reports *	100	174	187	206	209	184	172	169	197	174	1772
Review of Fifth-Year Interim Reports **	45	71	74	80	67	73	76	79	81	75	721
Removal from sanction	8	12	10	12	15	18	8	4	10	9	106
Imposition/continuation of Warning	12	10	15	15	18	13	11	17	13	8	132
Imposition/continuation of Probation	7	4	6	2	1	0	3	3	3	2	31
Imposition/continuation of Probation w/good cause	4	3	2	8	8	4	5	4	11	5	54
Action on removal from accreditation	0	1	1	0	3	1	2	0	1	0	9
Appeals of adverse actions	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	7
<b>TOTAL CASES</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>520</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>4937</b>

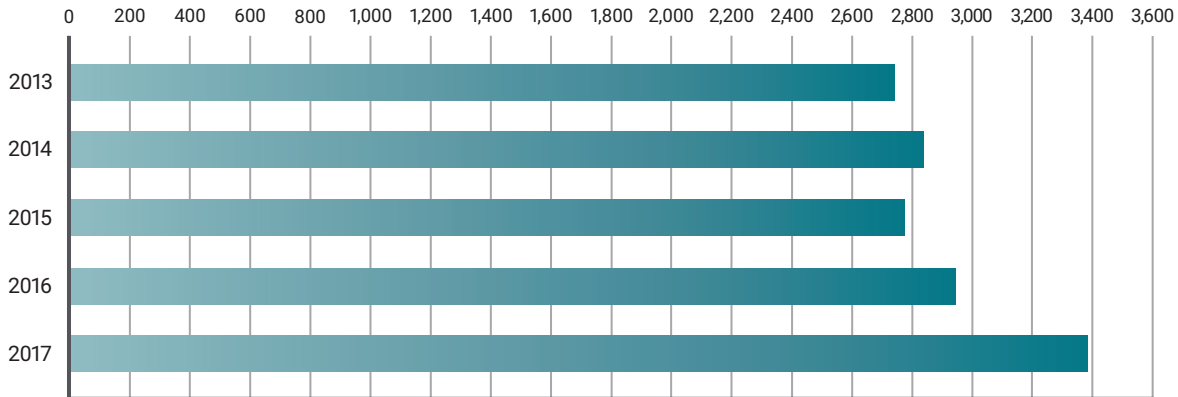
\* Referral reports are those reviewed by the Board of Trustees following review and referral by the Committee on Fifth-Year Interim Reports. These reports were first reviewed by the Board in June 2009.

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



## Substantive Change Information

### Total Number of Submissions (2013–2017)



From 2013 to 2017, SACSCOC received an average of 2,932 submissions annually from member institutions.

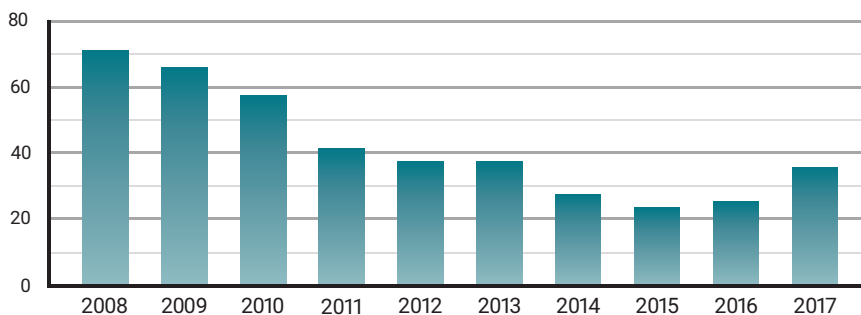
### Types of Substantive Change Submissions (2013-2017)

Submission Type*	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Prospectus	507	519	543	552	857
Follow-Up Information	287	167	270	237	200
Notification	1,479	1,716	1,512	1,633	1,867
For C&R Review	97	49	87	98	99
Teach-out Plans	177	147	213	220	679

\* Submissions by type do not sum to total number of submissions; many submissions contain multiple types.

Not included in these numbers are requests for verification of accreditation, off-campus instructional sites, new programs, and other types of substantive changes from government agencies.

### Number of Unreported Substantive Change Cases (2008-2017)





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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 (SACSCOC)–June 15, 2017

The SACSCOC Board of Trustees met in Executive Session on Thursday, June 15, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. at The Louisville Marriott Downtown, Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. Nancy Moody, Chair of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees and President, *Emerita*, Tusculum College, presided. Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr., President of Alcorn State University, served as Vice Chair and as acting Chair for part of the meeting.

Vice Chair Rankins 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; Jo Allen, President, Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina; Elizabeth M. Bejar, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Florida International University, Miami, Florida; A. Frank Bonner, President, Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, North Carolina; James B. Borsig, President, Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, Mississippi; Timothy S. Brophy, Director of Institutional Assessment and Professor, Music Education, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida; Max Burns, President, Gordon State College, Barnesville, Georgia; Jimmy M. Cairo, Dean, School of Allied Health Professions, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, Louisiana; John S. Capps, President, Central Virginia Community College, Lynchburg, Virginia; Nancy Clutts, Partner, The Corbin Group, Tavares, Florida (Public Representative); Glenda F. Colagross, Interim President, Southern Union State Community College, Opelika, Alabama; John M. Cornwell, Associate Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness, Rice University, Houston, Texas; John L. Crain, President, Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond,

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Smatresk, President, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas.

The Board approved the minutes of its December 2016 Executive Business Meeting. A copy of the minutes from the March 2017 Executive Council meeting was presented to the Board as information.

## Report from the Chair

Chair Moody reported that during its meetings on June 13-14, 2017, the Executive Council discussed or took action on the following items:

1. Approved the 2017-2018 SACSCOC budget.
2. Received a report from the SACSCOC's investment company, reviewing investments by Fifth-Third Investment Management Group.
3. Authorized a study committee to review dual enrollment.
4. Reviewed staff reports on the following: (1) the 12th Small College Initiative session held April 18, 2017, that focused on effective governance; (2) an overview of strategic plan activities; (3) substantive change activities; (4) training and research summaries on findings from a number of surveys; and an update on SACSCOC's new Data Management System.
5. Received and approved the changes to the *Principles of Accreditation* as proposed by the Principles Review Committee, chaired by Dr. Sandra Jordan, Chancellor of the University of South Carolina-Aiken. The proposal was forwarded to the Board for approval.
6. Approved the list of revised standards that an applicant institution must meet in order to be awarded initial candidacy, pending approval of the revised standards in December 2017.
7. Approved the procedures to be used by applicant and candidate institutions when transitioning from the current to the revised standards. During its meeting in March, the Council had approved the procedures to be used by member institutions scheduled

for reaffirmation in 2018 and 2019 when transitioning from the current to the revised standards.

8. Approved the list of revised standards that will comprise the compliance certification for an updated Fifth-Year Interim Report, pending approval of the revised standards in December 2017.
9. Approved revisions to five current SACSCOC's policies and forwarded them to the Board for final approval.
10. Evaluated the President of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and renewed her contract for one year.

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

Following Mr. McKee's report, the Chair recognized Board member Suzanne Ozment who is retiring June 30, 2017, from her current position at the University of Montevallo in Alabama, and thanked her for her work as a Board member and for her involvement in the peer review process.

## Report from the President

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President of SACSCOC, 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 SACSCOC's budget and thanked the Council for their continuing support of her leadership. She also updated the Board regarding SACSCOC's upcoming recognition renewal review by the U.S. Department of Education and reauthorization matters.

## Actions on SACSCOC's Policies, Procedures, and Best Practices

### The Board of Trustees took the following actions in regard to SACSCOC's policies, procedures, and best practices:

1. Modified three SACSCOC's policies dealing with an institution's obligations for integrity in its relationship with SACSCOC, in its disclosure of information to the public, and in its advertisement and recruitment practices. Because several of the policies overlapped, they were streamlined to create distinctiveness, clarity, and focus.

"Integrity and Institutional Obligations to SACSCOC." The approved changes include renaming the policy and transferring to another policy the provision that the institution report **accurately to the public its status and relationship with the Commission.**

"Institutional Obligations for Public Disclosure." The approved changes add a section on an institution's representation of status with SACSCOC and clarification regarding an institution's accredited status.

"Student Advertising and Recruitment." The revisions include eliminating redundant statements that quote the current standards, and deleting passages regarding an institution's representation, which was moved to another policy.

2. Modification to current SACSCOC's policy, "Accreditation Procedures for Applicant Institutions." The modification to this policy eliminated the previous practice of allowing the date of the initial accreditation of an institution to be effective retroactively to January 1 of the year in which accreditation is awarded. The revision modifies current policy so that the date of initial membership is effective on the date of SACSCOC Board action to grant initial accreditation.
3. Modification to current SACSCOC's policy, "Unsolicited Information." The modification

to this policy eliminated the provision that an institution be required to report to SACSCOC any U.S. Department of Education investigation on sexual violence. In its place, the Council voted to add Comprehensive Standard 3.11.2 (Institutional environment) to the list of standards that comprise the Fifth-Year Interim Report and to make it clear on both the fifth-year and decennial compliance certifications that an institution is required to report the status of any USDOE investigation on sexual violence.

4. Approved proposed changes to SACSCOC's *Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement*. Dr. Sandra Jordan, Chair of the Principles Review Committee, provided an overview of the process and the changes to the proposed standards. In addition, Dr. Jordan indicated that the Committee had been charged to consider the possibility of a differentiated review at the time of an institution's reaffirmation and that, to date, the Committee made recommendations to the Council in three areas: (1) eligibility criteria for applying for a differentiated review, (2) standards to be used, and (3) a process for the selection and review of institutions applying to participate. The recommendation also states that the process would be open to any SACSCOC-accredited institution that applies and meets the eligibility criteria.

Dr. Jordan then moved adoption of the revised *Principles of Accreditation* on behalf of the Committee. Following her motion, there was discussion regarding two provisions of the proposal: 6.2.c (Program coordination) and 7.2 (Quality Enhancement Plan).

Proposed Standard 6.2.c (Program coordination) reads: "For each of its educational programs, the institution (a) justifies and documents the qualifications of its faculty members (Faculty qualifications), (b) employs a sufficient number of full-time faculty members to ensure curriculum and program quality, integrity, and review (Program faculty), and (c)

assigns appropriate responsibility for program coordination (Program coordination)." Board member Rebecca Adams moved to revise the statement 6.2.c because it did not specifically require academically qualified faculty to coordinate the program. The Board voted to divide the question. After discussion, the question was called and the motion to revise Standard 6.2.c was defeated.

Proposed Standard 7.2 reads: "The institution has a Quality Enhancement Plan that (a) has a topic identified through its ongoing, comprehensive planning and evaluation processes; (b) has broad-based support of institutional constituencies; (c) focuses on improving specific learning outcomes and/or student success; (d) commits resources to initiate, implement, and complete the QEP; and (e) includes a plan to assess achievement." Board member Timothy McNamara opened the discussion questioning the necessity for the QEP, especially since all current member institutions have implemented at least one QEP following the adoption of the standard in the 2004 *Principles of Accreditation*. The standard appeared to intrude in the operations of an institution and to limit the timing of an institution to start and complete goals related to its own strategic plan. Additional discussion ensued regarding the interpretation of the proposed standard. Then Board member Ruth Feiock proposed that the preface to Section 7 be revised to require only newly-accredited institutions to complete a Quality Enhancement Plan. The Board voted to divide the question. After discussion, the question was called and the motion to revise the preface to Section 7 was defeated. The Board accepted a recommendation from Board member James Netherton to approve the appointment of a study committee to develop the interpretation of Standard 7.2 to include the concerns expressed in the discussions.

Then the question was called to adopt the proposed changes to the *Principles of Accreditation* as presented. The Board voted

to approve the revisions and to forward the document to the membership for final approval during the Business Meeting of the College Delegate Assembly in December 2017.

## Actions on the Accreditation of Institutions

At its meeting on June 15, 2017, 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:

- **Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College**, Tifton, Georgia
- **Allen University**, Columbia, South Carolina
- **Caldwell Community and Technical Institute**, Hudson, North Carolina
- **Cape Fear Community College**, Wilmington, North Carolina
- **Craven Community College**, New Bern, North Carolina
- **Davidson College**, Davidson, North Carolina
- **Durham Technical Community College**, Durham, North Carolina
- **East Mississippi Community College**, Scooba, Mississippi
- **Elaine P. Nunez Community College**, Chalmette, Louisiana
- **Florida College**, Temple Terrace, Florida
- **Georgia Military College**, Milledgeville, Georgia
- **Gordon State College**, Barnesville, Georgia
- **Guilford College**, Greensboro, North Carolina
- **Gwinnett Technical College**, Lawrenceville, Georgia

- **Hampden-Sydney College**, Hampden-Sydney, Virginia
- **Hazard Community and Technical College**, Hazard, Kentucky
- **Hillsborough Community College**, Tampa, Florida
- **Howard College**, Big Spring, Texas
- **J. F. Drake State Community & Technical College**, Huntsville, Alabama
- **Madisonville Community College**, Madisonville, Kentucky
- **Northwest Mississippi Community College**, Senatobia, Mississippi
- **Oglethorpe University**, Atlanta, Georgia
- **Saint John Vianney College Seminary**, Miami, Florida
- **Savannah Technical College**, Savannah, Georgia
- **Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College**, Cumberland, Kentucky
- **Southern Virginia University**, Buena Vista, Virginia
- **Southwestern Community College**, Sylva, North Carolina
- **Tidewater Community College**, Norfolk, Virginia
- **Tri-County Technical College**, Pendleton, South Carolina
- **Trinity Valley Community College**, Athens, Texas
- **Virginia Military Institute**, Lexington, Virginia
- **Wofford College**, Spartanburg, South Carolina

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

- **Angelina College**, Lufkin, Texas (removed from Probation)
- **Navarro College**, Corsicana, Texas (removed from Warning)

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

*(Membership is effective January 1, 2017)*

- **Bob Jones University**, Greenville, South Carolina (Accredited at Level V)
- **Florida Polytechnic University**, Lakeland, Florida (Accredited at Level III)

**The Board granted candidacy status to the following institution:**

*(Candidacy is effective June 15, 2017)*

- **American University of Ras Al Khaimah**, Ras Al Khaimah, United Arab Emirates

**The Board approved the following acquisitions:**

- **Coastal Alabama Community College**, Bay Minette, Alabama—Approved the acquisition of the following programs and off-campus site from Enterprise State Community College: Airframe Technology, Avionics Technology, and Powerplant Technology programs at the Alabama Aviation Center, Mobile, Alabama.
- **El Centro College**, Dallas, Texas—Approved the acquisition of the Associate of Applied Science degree in Dental Hygiene from Sanford-Brown College, Dallas, Texas.
- **River Parishes Community College**, Gonzales, Louisiana—Approved the acquisition of Westside Campus of Baton Rouge Community College, Gonzales, Louisiana.
- **Snead State Community College**, Boaz, Alabama—Approved the acquisition of the following program and off-campus site from Enterprise State Community College: Airframe Technology program, Alabama Aviation Center, Albertville, Alabama.
- **Southwestern Assemblies of God University**, Waxahachie, Texas—Approved the acquisition of an off-campus site of the American Indian College, Phoenix, Arizona.



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

- **Andrew College**, Cuthbert, Georgia—Moved from Level I to Level II offering the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Projected implementation: August 2017.
- **Benedict College**, Columbia, South Carolina—Moved from Level II to Level III offering the Master of Business Administration. Projected implementation: Spring 2018.
- **Campbellsville University**, Campbellsville, Kentucky—Moved from Level III to Level V offering the Ph.D. in Management. Projected implementation: August 2017.
- **Carolinas College of Health Sciences**, Charlotte, North Carolina—Moved from Level I to Level II offering the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Projected implementation: Fall 2018.
- **Lenoir-Rhyne University**, Hickory, North Carolina—Moved from Level III to Level V offering the Family Nurse Practitioner and the Doctor of Nursing Practice programs. Projected implementation: August 2018.
- **North Florida Community College**, Madison, Florida—Moved from Level I to Level II offering the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Projected implementation: August 2017.

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

- **Danville Community College**, Danville, Virginia—Approved the Basic Welding Career Studies Certificate as a Direct Assessment Competency Based Education Program and authorized a Substantive Change Committee.
- **Hampton University**, Hampton, Virginia—Approved the Master of Arts in Practical Theology and the Master of Divinity degree programs.
- **Navarro College**, Corsicana, Texas—Approved the following off-campus instructional sites

in Texas offering dual enrollment programs: Coolidge High School, Coolidge; Oakwood High School, Oakwood; Lancaster High School, Lancaster; and Midlothian Heritage High School, Midlothian.

- **Northwest Vista College**, San Antonio, Texas—Approved the Associate of Applied Science degree and Level 1 Certificate in Customer Services/Sales Operations.
- **St. Philip's College**, San Antonio, Texas—Approved the following off-campus instructional site: Seguin Early College High School, Seguin, Texas.

**The Board accepted the prospectus for the merger/consolidation of the following institutions and authorized a substantive change committee:**

- **Sullivan University**, Louisville, Kentucky—Accepted the prospectus and authorized a Substantive Change Committee for the merger of Sullivan University with Spencerian College, and Sullivan College of Technology and Design.

**The Board accepted the following institutions' prospectuses for acquisitions and authorized substantive change committees:**

- **The Art Institute of Atlanta**, Atlanta, Georgia—Accepted the prospectus and authorized a Substantive Change Committee for the acquisition of the institution by Dream Center Foundation of California.
- **The Art Institute of Houston**, Houston, Texas—Accepted the prospectus and authorized a Substantive Change Committee for the acquisition of the institution by Dream Center Foundation of California.
- **L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College**, Schriever, Louisiana—Accepted the prospectus and authorized a Substantive Change Committee for the acquisitions of two campuses of South Central Louisiana Technical College, a non-SACSCOC accredited institution:

Thibodaux Facility, Thibodaux, and Galliano Facility, Cut Off, Louisiana.

- **Lynn University**, Boca Raton, Florida—Accepted the prospectus and authorized a Substantive Change Committee for the acquisition of Digital Media Arts College, Boca Raton, a private, for-profit, non- SACSCOC accredited institution.
- **Miami International University of Art and Design**, Miami, Florida—Accepted the prospectus and authorized a Substantive Change Committee for the acquisition of the institution by Dream Center Foundation of California.
- **River Parishes Community College**, Gonzales, Louisiana—Accepted the prospectus and authorized a Substantive Change Committee for the acquisition of the Reserve Campus of South Central Louisiana Technical College, a non-SACSCOC accredited institution, in Reserve, Louisiana.
- **South Louisiana Community College**, Lafayette, Louisiana—Accepted the prospectus and authorized a Substantive Change Committee for the acquisitions of three campuses of South Central Louisiana Technical College, a non-SACSCOC accredited institution: SCLTC Young Memorial Campus, Morgan City; SCLTC Young Memorial Marine Extension, Morgan City; and Louisiana Marine and Petroleum Institute, Houma.
- **South University**, Savannah, Georgia—Accepted the prospectus and authorized a Substantive Change Committee for the acquisition of the institution by Dream Center Foundation of California.
- **SOWELA Technical Community College**, Lake Charles, Louisiana—Accepted the prospectus and authorized a Substantive Change Committee for the acquisition of the following three campuses of Central Louisiana Technical College, a non-SACSCOC accredited institution, in Alexandria: Oakdale Campus, Oakdale; Allen Correctional Center, Kinder; and Federal Correctional Institution—Oakdale 1, Oakdale.

**The Board continued the accreditation of each of the following institutions after a Substantive Change Committee conducted on-site reviews of the previously approved changes:**

- **Albany Technical College**, Albany, Georgia—Review of the following Georgia off-campus instructional sites conducted as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report: Calhoun High School, Edison; Lee County High School, Leesburg; and Randolph/Clay High School, Cuthbert.
- **Adventist University of Health Sciences – Florida Hospital's University**, Orlando, Florida—Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Physical Therapy.
- **Bellarmine University**, Louisville, Kentucky—Review of the following off-campus instructional sites: Bullitt County Public Schools, Shepherdsville, and Oldham County Public Schools, Crestwood.
- **Campbell University**, Buies Creek, North Carolina—Review of the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine.
- **Carolina College of Health Sciences**, Charlotte, North Carolina—Review of an off-campus instructional site: Carolinas Medical Center-Mercy, Charlotte, North Carolina.
- **Chattanooga State Community College**, Chattanooga, Tennessee—Review of the following off-campus instructional site conducted as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report: Amazon Fulfillment Center, Chattanooga, Tennessee.
- **Florida Gulf Coast University**, Fort Meyers, Florida—Review of the Doctor of Nursing Practice.
- **Gwinnett Technical College**, Lawrenceville, Georgia—Review of the following Georgia off-campus instructional sites: Maxwell High School of Technology, Lawrenceville; Johns Creek High School, Johns Creek; and North-Fulton Alpharetta Campus, Alpharetta.
- **H. Councill Trenholm State Community College**, Montgomery, Alabama—Review of the following



Alabama off-campus instructional sites: Bullock County Career Technical Center, Union Springs; Tallassee High School, Tallassee; Macon County Career & Technical Center, Tuskegee; Booker T. Washington High School, Tuskegee; and Carver High School, Montgomery.

- **High Point University**, High Point, North Carolina—Review of the Doctor of Pharmacy program.
- **Houston Baptist University**, Houston, Texas—Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Education in Executive Leadership.
- **James Sprunt Community College**, Kenansville, North Carolina—Review of a new instructional site: Diesel Mechanic Facility, West Park Technology Center, Warsaw, North Carolina.
- **Jarvis Christian College**, Hawkins, Texas—Review of the off-campus instructional site: Friendship West Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.
- **Johnson University**, Knoxville, Tennessee—Review of a new instructional site: Indian Creek Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- **Life University**, Marietta, Georgia—Review of an off-campus instructional site located at Lee Arrendale State Prison, Alto, Georgia.
- **New College of Florida**, Sarasota, Florida—Review of membership at Level III offering the Master in Data Science.
- **North Greenville University**, Tigerville, South Carolina—Review of the Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant Medicine at a new off-campus instructional site: Greer Campus, Greer, South Carolina.
- **Paris Junior College**, Paris, Texas—Review of an off-campus instructional site: Paris Junior High School, Paris, Texas.
- **Point University**, West Point, Georgia—Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Transformative Ministry and Master of Business Administration.
- **Roanoke-Chowan Community College**, Ahoskie, North Carolina—Review of the following

off-campus instructional site: Bertie County High School, Windsor, North Carolina.

- **South Texas College**, McAllen, Texas—Review of the following Texas off-campus instructional sites conducted as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report: La Joya Teaching Center/Jimmy Carter Early College High School, La Joya; The Pharr College and Career Teaching Center, Pharr; McAllen High School, McAllen; Palm View High School, Mission; PSJA T-STEM Early College High School, Pharr; and The Robert Vela High School, Edinburg.
- **Southern Methodist University**, Dallas, Texas—Review of the following off-campus instructional sites in Texas conducted as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report: Norris Conference Center, Fort Worth, and the Raytheon Learning Center, Richardson.
- **Tallahassee Community College**, Tallahassee, Florida—Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.
- **Trident Technical College**, North Charleston, South Carolina—Review of the following off-campus instructional sites in South Carolina conducted as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report: Mount Pleasant Campus, Mount Pleasant, and Ashley Ridge High School, Summerville.
- **Tyler Junior College**, Tyler, Texas—Review of the following Texas off-campus instructional sites conducted as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report: Brook Hill School, Bullard; Bullard High School, Bullard; Chapel Hill High School, Tyler; Rusk State Hospital, Rusk; Troup High School, Troup; and Winona High School, Winona.
- **University of the Incarnate Word**, San Antonio, Texas—Review of the Associate of Science in Health Sciences offered through an agreement with the Medical Education and Training Campus of Fort Sam Houston, Texas.
- **University of South Carolina**, Columbia, South Carolina—Review of the following off-campus instructional sites in South Carolina conducted as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report: McLeod Regional Medical Center, Florence; Greenville



Hospital System, Greenville; and USC Union Laurens Site, Laurens.

- **The University of Texas at Austin**, Austin, Texas—Review of the Doctor of Medicine degree program.
- **Volunteer State Community College**, Gallatin, Tennessee—Review of the acquisition of an off-campus instructional site from Nashville State Community College, the Cookeville Higher Education Campus, Cookeville, Tennessee.
- **Watkins College of Art, Design, & Film**, Nashville, Tennessee—Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Fine Arts in Film Production.
- **Welch College**, Gallatin, Tennessee—Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Arts in Theology and Ministry.

#### The Board removed the following institutions from Warning:

- **Atlanta Technical College**, Atlanta, Georgia
- **Tuskegee University**, Tuskegee, Alabama

#### The Board removed the following institutions from Probation:

- **Bethel University**, McKenzie, Tennessee
- **Centenary College**, Shreveport, Louisiana

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

- **Southern University at New Orleans**, New Orleans, Louisiana—Denied membership at Level V to offer the Doctor of Social Work. The institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure that it has the capability to comply with the following standard of the *Principles of Accreditation* as it relates to the substantive change: Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability).

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

- **Florida National University**, Hialeah, Florida—Denied approval of a change of governance from private, for-profit to private, not-for-profit because the institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure that it has the capability to comply with the following standards of the *Principles of Accreditation* as they relate to the substantive change: Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability) and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability).
- **St. Philip's College**, San Antonio, Texas—Denied approval of the Nurse Aide for Health Care Level 1 Certificate.
- **The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley**, Edinburg, Texas—Denied approval of modifications to program length for the Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling degree to be renamed Master of Science in Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling.

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

- **Abilene Christian University**, Abilene, Texas—For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The SACSCOC Board did not authorize a Special Committee to visit the institution.
- **Cumberland University**, Lebanon, Tennessee—For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty) and Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The SACSCOC Board did not authorize a Special Committee to visit the institution.
- **Fort Valley State University**, Fort Valley, Georgia—For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.10 (Student support services), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1

(Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), Comprehensive Standard 3.11.3 (Physical facilities), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The SACSCOC Board did not authorize a Special Committee to visit the institution.

- **Howard Payne University**, Brownwood, Texas—For twelve months for failure to comply with Principle 1.1 (Integrity), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.4 (Terminal degrees of faculty), and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The SACSCOC Board authorized a Special Committee to visit the institution.
- **Southern University and A&M College at Baton Rouge**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana—For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), Federal Requirement 4.1 (Student achievement), and Federal Requirement 4.5 (Student complaints) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The SACSCOC Board did not authorize a Special Committee to visit the institution.
- **Wayland Baptist University**, Plainview, Texas—For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty) and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The SACSCOC Board did not authorize a Special Committee to visit the institution.

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

- **Elizabeth City State University**, Elizabeth City, North Carolina—For six months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.4.3 (Admissions policies) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The SACSCOC Board did not authorize a Special Committee to visit the institution.

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

- **Emmanuel College**, Franklin Springs, Georgia—For twelve 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*. The SACSCOC Board authorized a Special Committee.
- **Hinds Community College**, Raymond, Mississippi—For twelve 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 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The SACSCOC Board did not authorize a Special Committee to visit the institution.

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

- **Central Alabama Community College**, Alexander City, Alabama—For twelve months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The SACSCOC Board authorized a Special Committee.

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

- **Georgetown College**, Georgetown, Kentucky—For twelve 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*. The SACSCOC Board authorized a Special Committee.

In accordance with SACSCOC's policy, "Standing Rules: Board of Trustees, Executive Council, and the College Delegate Assembly," 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.

The Chair of the Committee to Review Fifth-Year Interim Reports, Glenda Colagross, reported on the review of 41 Track B institutions that make up the 2021 reaffirmation class.

There being no further business, Vice Chair Alfred Rankins, Jr., adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

## Minutes of the Executive Session of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)—December 3, 2017

The SACSCOC Board of Trustees met in Executive Session on Sunday, December 3, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. at the Omni Dallas Hotel, Dallas, Texas. Dr. Nancy Moody, Chair of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees, and President, *Emerita*, Tusculum College, presided. Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr., President, Alcorn State University, served as Vice Chair.

Vice Chair Rankins 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; Jo Allen, President, Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina; Elizabeth M. Bejar, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Florida International University, Miami, Florida; A. Frank Bonner, President, Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, North Carolina; Ronnie Booth, President, Tri-County Technical College, Pendleton, South Carolina; James B. Borsig, President, Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, Mississippi; Timothy S. Brophy, Director of Institutional Assessment and Professor, Music Education, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida; Max Burns, President, Gordon State College, Barnesville, Georgia; Jimmy M. Cairo, Dean, School of Allied Health Professions, LSU Health Sciences Center, New

Orleans, Louisiana; John S. Capps, President, Central Virginia Community College, Lynchburg, Virginia; Franklyn M. Casale, President, Saint Thomas University, Miami Gardens, Florida; Nancy Clutts, Partner, The Corbin Group, Tavares, Florida (Public Representative); Glenda F. Colagross, Interim President, Southern Union State Community College, Opelika, Alabama; John M. Cornwell, Associate Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness, Rice University, Houston, Texas; John L. Crain, President, Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, Louisiana; Kandi Deitemeyer, President, Central Piedmont Community College, Charlotte, North Carolina; Joseph A. DiPietro, President, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee; Ruth S. Feiock, Assistant Vice President, Planning and Programs and SACSCOC Liaison, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida; George T. French, Jr., President, Miles College, Fairfield, Alabama; Richard J. Gough, President, Technical College of the Lowcountry, Beaufort, South Carolina; Deborah D. Grimes, Senior Vice-President of Instruction and Student Services, Lenoir Community College, Kinston, North Carolina; John D. Grosskopf, President, North Florida Community College, Madison, Florida; Jonathan

Gueverra, President, Florida Keys Community College, Key West, Florida; Kimberly B. Hall, Executive Vice President/Provost, South College, Knoxville, Tennessee; Natalie Harder, Chancellor, Southern Louisiana Community College, Lafayette, Louisiana; Sandra S. Harper, President, McMurry University, Abilene, Texas; Marcia A. Hawkins, President, Union College, Barbourville, Kentucky; JoAnn Haysbert, Chancellor and Provost, Hampton University, Hampton, Virginia; Brenda L. Hellyer, Chancellor, San Jacinto College District, Pasadena, Texas; W. Briggs Hopson III, Mississippi State Senator for District 23, Attorney, Teller, Hassell & Hopson, Vicksburg, Mississippi (Public Representative); Larry D. Hostetter, President, Brescia University, Owensboro, Kentucky; Dana L. Hoyt, President, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas; Thomas J. Hynes, Jr., President, Clayton State University, Morrow, Georgia; Daniel Jackson, President and CEO, Carroll Tomorrow and Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, Carrollton, Georgia (Public Representative); G. David Johnson, Provost and Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama; Peter Jordan, President, Tarrant County College-South Campus, Ft. Worth, Texas; Sandra J. Jordan, Chancellor, University of South Carolina – Aiken, Aiken, South Carolina; Brenda S. Kays, President, Kilgore College, Kilgore, Texas; 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; N. Kevin Krane, Vice Dean for Academic Affairs/Chief, Clinical Nephrology, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana; Duane K. Larick, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Strategies and Resource Management Strategic Initiatives & Dean, Graduate School, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina; John D. Leidy, Attorney at Law, Hornthal, Riley, Ellis & Miland, LLP, Elizabeth City, North Carolina (Public Representative);

S. Craig Long, Performance Solutions by Milliken Fellow, Milliken Corporation, Spartanburg, South Carolina (Public Representative); Kina S. Mallard, President, Reinhardt University, Waleska, Georgia; Ray Martinez III, President, Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas, Austin, Texas (Public Representative); S. David Mash, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Lander University, Greenwood, South Carolina; Michael C. Maxey, President, Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia; Johnette McKown, President, McLennan Community College, Waco, Texas; Timothy P. McNamara, Professor of Psychology, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee; Nancy B. Moody, President, *Emerita*, Tusculum College, Greeneville, Tennessee; Joseph A. Morgan, Vice President for Academic Affairs/CPE, Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky; Russell J. Mumper, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia; Bruce T. Murphy, President, Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, Louisiana; James S. Netherton, Executive Vice President for Administration and Finance, Mercer University, Macon, Georgia; D. Ray Perren, President, Lanier Technical College, Oakwood, Georgia; Claude O. Pressnell, Jr., President, Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association, Nashville, Tennessee (Public Representative); Rita M. Prince, Patterson, Prince and Associates, P.C., Florence, Alabama (Public Representative); Alfred Rankins, Jr., President, Alcorn State University, Lorman, Mississippi; M. David Rudd, President, The University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee; Maurice W. Scherrens, President, Newberry College, Newberry, South Carolina; Madison C. Silvert, President, Malcolm Bryant Corporation, Owensboro, Kentucky (Public Representative); Patricia G. Sims, Dean, College of Education, Athens State University, Athens, Alabama; John S. Smarrelli, Jr., President, Christian Brothers University, Memphis, Tennessee; Neal J. Smatresk, President, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas; Larry D. Sparks, Vice Chancellor

for Administration and Finance, University of Mississippi, University, Mississippi; G. Devin Stephenson, President, Northwest Florida State College, Niceville, Florida; Valmadge Towner, President, Coahoma Community College, Clarksdale, Mississippi; L. Anthony Wise, Jr., President, Pellissippi State Community College, Knoxville, Tennessee; Michael Woods, President, Woods Operating Company, Shreveport, Louisiana (Public Representative); and Alissa L. Young, President, Hopkinsville Community College, Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

The following Board member was not in attendance: Alijandro Elizondo, Provost, Universidad de las Americas – A.C, Mexico City, Mexico.

The Board approved the minutes of its June 2017 Executive Business Meeting. A summary of the minutes of the June 2017 Executive Council meeting was presented as information.

### Report from the Chair

Chair Moody reported to the Board that during sessions on December 1-2, 2017, the Executive Council took the following actions:

- The Council received reports from the staff regarding the Annual Applicant and Candidate Institutions Report, Annual Report on Substantive Change, the SACSCOC Peer Review Advisory Board Report, the Office of Training and Research Report and an update on the SACSCOC Strategic Plan.
- The Council received and approved the 2017 audit and the 990 Form.
- The Council received a report from its Investment Committee, chaired by Franklyn Casale, President, St. Thomas University. He summarized 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 Larry Hostetter, President, Brescia University.

- The Council heard a Report from the *Principles* Review Committee, chaired by Sandra Jordan, Chancellor of the University of South Carolina – Aiken. The chair expressed the Board's appreciation to each Committee member, especially Dr. Jordan for her leadership. The proposed *Principles* were posted on the SACSCOC website in September and will go before the College Delegate Assembly at this Annual Meeting.
  - Chair Moody thanked Dr. Belle Wheelan and Dr. Tim McNamara, Professor of Psychology at Vanderbilt, who convened a discussion group about the QEP as requested at the June meeting. The Board received minutes of the meeting. The Council approved several procedural changes resulting from this discussion to include:
    - *Adjusting the timeline for approving the institution's QEP Topic.*
    - *Dedicated resources to support the QEP does not mean a "specific" line-item for QEP*
    - *The use of outside consultants is optional.*
  - The Council discussed a report from an *ad hoc* committee on Dual Enrollment. The staff will develop a Policy Statement for consideration by the Executive Council in March and the Board in June for final action.
  - The Council heard an update on the Commission's Data Management System.
  - The Council reviewed the SACSCOC Legislative Agenda for 2017-18. The board received a copy of this document. "The President has been walking the halls of Congress advocating for accreditation and the peer review process."
- Chair Moody called on Commission legal counsel, Mr. Patrick McKee, for a report to the Board. Mr. McKee updated the Board regarding current and former litigation cases. In addition, he reviewed Board members' obligations when evaluating publicly-traded institutions, the stock of which immediate family members may own directly. He reviewed all the provisions of the policy outlining their obligations for confidentiality.



Chair Moody also confirmed the 2018 meeting dates of the Board: March 13-15 for the spring meeting of the Executive Council, June 11-14 for the summer meeting of the Board, and December 7-9 for the SACSCOC Annual Meeting.

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

The Chair recognized Board members whose terms expired December 2017 and commended them for their many contributions. Retiring Trustees included the following: Frank Bonner, North Carolina; Timothy Brophy, Florida; O. Max Burns, Georgia; Nancy Clutts, Florida; Kimberley Hall, Texas; Briggs Hopson (Mississippi Public Member); Sandra Jordan, South Carolina; Flavius Killebrew, Texas; Craig Long, South Carolina; David Mash, South Carolina; and Bruce Murphy, Louisiana. Belle Wheelan, SACSCOC President, presented gifts of appreciation to each of the retiring members for their many years of service on the Board. She commented on the great group of retiring volunteers whose strength had made a mark on the work of the Commission.

Wheelan continued with her presentation by expressing her appreciation to all Board members and C & R Chairs for their dedication, service and for their support. She updated the Board on financial matters, investments, the activities of special study committees, the Summer Institute, and the new Data Management System.

### **Approval of the “Stamp of SACSCOC Accreditation”**

Chair Moody informed the Board that oftentimes institutions request a visual representation of their affiliation with SACSCOC since policy prevents the use of the SACSCOC seal or logo. President Wheelan asked the staff to invite institutions to participate in a competition to design a distinct image that was not the SACSCOC logo or the

seal of the parent organization, SACS. During the fall, 164 images were submitted. The staff have selected 11 images which the Executive Council reviewed and selected one designed by Kathryn Whitesides, a student at the University of North Carolina – Charlotte.

The Executive Council noted that rather than identifying this design as a “logo” or a “seal,” the design would be known as the “Stamp of SACSCOC Accreditation.”

### **Report of the Nominating Committee regarding Nominees to the SACSCOC Board of Trustees and Election of the 2018 Executive Council**

The SACSCOC Board of Trustees reviewed the slate of nominees presented by the Commission’s Nominating Committee, chaired by Robert Boehmer, President of East Georgia College, and approved the following list of individuals to serve as members of the 2018 Executive Council of the Commission: Brenda Hellyer, Chancellor, San Jacinto College District, Pasadena, Texas (Chair); Alfred Rankins, Jr., President, Alcorn State University, Lorman, Mississippi (Vice Chair); G. David Johnson, Provost and Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama; Franklyn M. Casale, President, St. Thomas University, Miami Gardens, Florida; Ivan Allen, President, Central Georgia Technical College, Warner Robins, Georgia; Marcia Hawkins, President, Union College, Barbourville, Kentucky; Natalie J. Harder, Chancellor, South Louisiana Community College, Lafayette, Louisiana; Kandi Dietemeyer, President, Central Piedmont Community College, Charlotte, North Carolina; Maurice Scherrens, President, Newberry College, Newberry, South Carolina; Joseph A. DiPietro, President, University of Tennessee System, Knoxville, Tennessee; Johnette McKown, President, McLennon Community College, Waco, Texas; John Capps, President, Central Virginia

Community College, Lynchburg, Virginia; and Ray Martinez III, President, Independent Colleges & Universities of Texas, Austin, Texas (Public Representative). The Board approved the slate for the Executive Council

The reports from the Nominating Committee for the Commission regarding nominees to the SACSCOC Board of Trustees, the Appeals Committee of the College Delegate Assembly, the Hearing Officer, and the SACS Board of Trustees were presented as information. Chair Moody thanked the members of the 2017 Executive Council for coordinating the nominating processes in their respective states.

### Commission Actions on Accreditation

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

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

- **Amberton University**, Garland, Texas
- **American College of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine**, Houston, Texas
- **Averett University**, Danville, Virginia
- **Belhaven University**, Jackson, Mississippi
- **Christopher Newport University**, Newport News, Virginia
- **College of Charleston**, Charleston, South Carolina
- **Converse College**, Spartanburg, South Carolina
- **Covenant College**, Lookout Mountain, Georgia
- **Eastern Kentucky University**, Richmond, Kentucky
- **Emory & Henry College**, Emory, Virginia
- **Gardner-Webb University**, Boiling Springs, North Carolina
- **Hardin-Simmons University**, Abilene, Texas
- **Hollins University**, Roanoke, Virginia
- **Keiser University**, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
- **Lander University**, Greenwood, South Carolina
- **Lipscomb University**, Nashville, Tennessee
- **Mary Baldwin University**, Staunton, Virginia
- **McNeese State University**, Lake Charles, Louisiana
- **Medical University of South Carolina**, Charleston, South Carolina
- **Meharry Medical College**, Nashville, Tennessee
- **Northwestern State University of Louisiana**, Natchitoches, Louisiana
- **Notre Dame Seminary**, New Orleans, Louisiana
- **Nova Southeastern University**, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
- **Piedmont College**, Demorest, Georgia
- **Presbyterian College**, Clinton, South Carolina
- **Samford University**, Birmingham, Alabama
- **Sherman College of Chiropractic**, Spartanburg, South Carolina
- **Spalding University**, Louisville, Kentucky
- **St. Edward's University**, Austin, Texas
- **Union University**, Jackson, Tennessee
- **Universidad de las Americas-AC**, Mexico City, Mexico
- **University of Holy Cross**, New Orleans, Louisiana
- **University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill**, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- **University of Texas at Arlington**, Arlington, Texas
- **University of Virginia**, Charlottesville, Virginia
- **Vanderbilt University**, Nashville, Tennessee
- **Western Carolina University**, Cullowhee, North Carolina

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

- **Northwest Vista College**, San Antonio, Texas
- **Saint Philip's College**, San Antonio, Texas
- **San Antonio College**, San Antonio, Texas

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

- **The Art Institute of Houston**, Houston, Texas
- **Spring Hill College**, Mobile, Alabama

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

*(Membership is effective December 3, 2017)*

- **Northeast Lakeview College**, Universal City, Texas, at Level I

**The Board authorized a candidacy committee visit to:**

- **Wolford College of Anesthesia**, Naples, Florida

**The Board approved the mergers/consolidations/acquisitions of the following institutions:**

- **Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College**, Tifton, Georgia and **Bainbridge State College**, Bainbridge, Georgia—Merger/consolidation of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and Bainbridge State College to be called Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (effective January 2018).
- **Georgia Southern University**, Statesboro, Georgia and **Armstrong State University**, Savannah, Georgia—Merger/consolidation of Georgia Southern University and Armstrong State University to be called Georgia Southern University (effective January 2018).
- **L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College**, Schriever, Louisiana—Acquisition of two

facilities from South Central Louisiana Technical College (a non-SACSCOC institution) located in Louisiana: the Thibodaux Facility, Thibodaux; and the Galliano Facility, Cut Off.

- **Lynn University**, Boca Raton, Florida and Digital Media Arts College, Boca Raton, Florida—Merger/consolidation of Lynn University and Digital Media Arts College to be called Lynn University (effective January 2018).
- **River Parishes Community College**, Gonzales, Louisiana—Acquisition of Reserve Campus, Reserve, Louisiana, of South Central Louisiana Technical College, a non-SACSCOC accredited institution.
- **South Louisiana Community College**, Lafayette, Louisiana—Acquisition of three (3) Louisiana campuses of South Central Louisiana Technical College, a non-SACSCOC accredited institution: Young Memorial Campus, Morgan City; Young Memorial Marine Extension, Morgan City; and Louisiana Marine and Petroleum Institute, Houma (effective January 2018).
- **SOWELA Technical Community College**, Lake Charles, Louisiana—Acquisition of two campuses of Central Louisiana Technical College (a non-SACSCOC institution) located in Louisiana: Oakdale Campus, Oakdale; and Federal Correctional Institution—Oakdale I, Oakdale.

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

- **Agnes Scott College**, Decatur, Georgia—Moved from Level II to Level III to offer the Master of Arts in Writing and Digital Communication, a graduate certificate in Writing and Digital Communication, and a graduate certificate in Evaluation and Assessment Methods (Projected implementation: August 2018).
- **Francis Marion University**, Florence, South Carolina—Moved from Level IV to Level V to offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice (Projected implementation: January 2018).

- **North Carolina Wesleyan College**, Rocky Mount, North Carolina—Moved from Level II to Level III to offer the Master of Sciences in Criminal Justice (Projected implementation: Summer 2018).
- **Southern Wesleyan University**, Central, South Carolina—Moved from Level III to Level V to offer the Doctor of Education in Curriculum & Assessment (Projected implementation: August 2018).
- **Universidad de Monterrey**, Nuevo Leon, Mexico—Moved from Level III to Level V to offer the Ph.D. in Law (Projected implementation: August 2018).

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

- **The Art Institute of Atlanta**, Atlanta, Georgia
  - (1) Change of ownership through acquisition by the Dream Center Foundation, Inc., a private, not-for-profit organization; and
  - (2) Change of legal status from a private, for-profit institution to a private, not-for-profit institution.
- **The Art Institute of Houston**, Houston, Texas
  - (1) Change of ownership through acquisition by the Dream Center Foundation, Inc., a private, not-for-profit organization; and
  - (2) Change of legal status from a private, for-profit institution to a private, not-for-profit institution.
- **Denmark Technical College**, Denmark, South Carolina—Change in governance from the Denmark Technical College Area Commission (DTCAC) to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education.
- **Elizabeth City State University**, Elizabeth City, North Carolina—Approve the prospectus to offer the Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management.

- **Miami International University of Art & Design**, Miami, Florida
  - (1) Change of ownership through acquisition by the Dream Center Foundation, Inc., a private, not-for-profit organization; and
  - (2) Change of legal status from a private, for-profit institution to a private, not-for-profit institution.
- **Saint Philip's College**, San Antonio, Texas—Addition of two off-campus sites in Texas: Automotive Technology Academy (Northeast ISD), San Antonio; and Poteet High School (Poteet ISD), Poteet.
- **Saint Philip's College**, San Antonio, Texas—Addition of three off-campus sites at private high schools in Texas: First Baptist Academy, Universal City; Trinity Christian Academy, San Antonio; and Vanguard Christian Institute, Boerne.
- **South University**, Savannah, Georgia
  - (1) Change of ownership through acquisition by the Dream Center Foundation, Inc., a private, not-for-profit organization; and
  - (2) Change of legal status from a private, for-profit institution to a private, not-for-profit institution.
- **The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley**, Edinburg, Texas—Modify program name and length of the Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling to become the Master of Science in Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling.
- **Trevecca Nazarene University**, Nashville, Tennessee—For an alternative approach to Core Requirement 2.3 (Chief executive officer), allowing an institution's CEO to serve at two institutions while exploring the possibility of consolidation or merger.

**The Board continued the accreditation of each of the following institutions resulting from a Substantive Change Committee on-site review of the previously approved change:**

- **Austin Peay State University**, Clarksville, Tennessee—Review of a governance change from the Tennessee Board of Regents to the Austin Peay State University Board of Trustees.
- **Bluefield College**, Bluefield, Virginia—Review of the Master of Science in Nursing.
- **Bridgewater College**, Bridgewater, Virginia—Review membership at Level III to offer the Master of Science in Athletic Training.
- **Calhoun Community College**, Tanner, Alabama—Review of off-campus instructional sites in Alabama conducted as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Review: Alabama Center for the Arts, Decatur; Decatur Fire & Rescue Training Center, Decatur; Hartselle High School Welding Center, Hartselle; and Limestone County Career Technical Center, Athens.
- **Cape Fear Community College**, Wilmington, North Carolina—Review of two off-campus instructional sites in North Carolina: Alston Burke Center, Surf City and Burgaw Center, Burgaw.
- **Coastal Alabama Community College**, Bay Minette, Alabama—Review of the merger/consolidation of James H. Faulkner State Community College, Alabama Southern Community College, and Jefferson Davis Community College.
- **Concordia University Texas**, Austin, Texas—Review of membership at Level V to offer the Doctorate in Education (Ed.D.).
- **Del Mar College**, Corpus Christi, Texas—Review of off-campus instructional sites in Texas conducted as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Review: Sinton Independent School District, Sinton; Gregory-Portland Independent School District, Portland; and Ingleside High School, Ingleside.
- **East Tennessee State University**, Johnson City, Tennessee—Review of a governance change from the Tennessee Board of Regents to the East Tennessee State University Board of Trustees.
- **Flagler College**, St. Augustine, Florida—Review of membership at Level III offering the Master in Arts in Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
- **Houston Baptist University**, Houston, Texas—Review off-campus instructional sites in Texas conducted as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Review: Hall Education Center, Aldine: Aldine Senior High School, Aldine; and Second Baptist Church, Houston.
- **Lamar State College-Port Arthur**, Port Arthur, Texas—Review of an off-campus instructional site at the Federal Correctional Complex-Beaumont, Beaumont, Texas.
- **Livingstone College**, Salisbury, North Carolina—Review of an off-campus instructional site at the Livingstone College Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts School in Salisbury, North Carolina.
- **Louisiana State University – Eunice**, Eunice, Louisiana—Review of off-campus instructional sites in Louisiana: LSU Laboratory School, Baton Rouge; and LSU Alexandria, Alexandria.
- **Middle Tennessee State University**, Murfreesboro, Tennessee—Review of a governance change from the Tennessee Board of Regents to the Middle Tennessee State University Board of Trustees.
- **North Greenville University**, Tigerville, South Carolina—Review of the Doctor of Education in Education Leadership.
- **River Parishes Community College**, Gonzales, Louisiana—Review of Westside Campus, Plaquemine, Louisiana, acquired from Baton Rouge Community College.
- **Saint Leo University**, Saint Leo, Florida—Review of off-campus instructional sites as part of Fifth-Year Interim Review: Naval Base San Diego, San Diego, California; Lakeland Education Center, Lakeland, Florida; Pasco County Sheriff's Office, Land O'Lakes, Florida; Pasco-Hernando

Community College – Spring Hill Campus, Spring Hill, Florida; and Diocese of Orlando (San Pedro Center), Winter Park, Florida.

- **Southeastern University, Inc.**, Lakeland, Florida—Review of an off-campus instructional site at Bayside College: A Regional Campus of Southeastern University in Bradenton, Florida.
- **Tennessee Technological University**, Cookeville, Tennessee—Review of a governance change from the Tennessee Board of Regents to the Tennessee Technological University Board of Trustees.
- **Tennessee State University**, Nashville, Tennessee—Review of a governance change from the Tennessee Board of Regents to the Tennessee State University Board of Trustees.
- **Truett McConnell University**, Cleveland, Georgia—Review of an off-campus instructional site located in Georgia at Alpharetta First Baptist Church, Alpharetta.
- **University of Holy Cross**, New Orleans, Louisiana—Review of an off-campus instructional site in Louisiana at Ochsner Medical Center, New Orleans.
- **University of Houston – Clear Lake**, Houston, Texas—Review of the Doctor of Psychology in Health Service Psychology.
- **University of Memphis**, Memphis, Tennessee—Review of a governance change from the Tennessee Board of Regents to the University of Memphis Board of Trustees.
- **University of Montevallo**, Montevallo, Alabama—Review of an off-campus instructional site in Alabama: Alabama Math, Science and Technology Initiative (AMSTI) Center, Pelham.
- **Wake Forest University**, Winston-Salem, North Carolina—Review of off-campus instructional sites in North Carolina at Brookstown Mill and the Innovation Quarter.
- **Welch College**, Gallatin, Tennessee—Review of relocated main campus: 1045 Bison Trail, Gallatin, Tennessee.

### The Board removed the following institutions from Warning:

- **Baylor University**, Waco, Texas
- **Elizabeth City State University**, Elizabeth City, North Carolina
- **Southwestern Christian College**, Terrell, Texas

### The Board removed the following institutions from Probation:

- **The Art Institute of Atlanta**, Atlanta, Georgia
- **Miami International University of Art & Design**, Miami, Florida
- **South University**, Savannah, Georgia
- **University of Louisville**, Louisville, Kentucky

## Sanctions and Other Negative Actions

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

- **Talladega College**, Talladega, Alabama—Denied approval of membership at Level III to offer the Master of Science in Computer Information Systems because the institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure that it has the capability to comply with the following standards of the *Principles of Accreditation* as they relate to the substantive change: Comprehensive Standard 3.4.4 (Acceptance of academic credit), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.6 (Practices for awarding credit), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.8 (Noncredit to credit), Comprehensive Standard 3.6.1 (Post-baccalaureate program rigor), and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence).

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

- **Hodges University**, Naples, Florida—Denied acceptance of a prospectus for (1) acquisition by The Community Solution Education System [TCS] (a non-SACSCOC accredited entity), and (2) a change in governance. 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 it relates to the substantive change: Core Requirements 2.2 (Governing board) and 2.10 (Student support services); and Comprehensive Standards 3.2.2.2 (Governing board control: fiscal stability), 3.2.2.3 (Governing board control: institutional policy), 3.2.4 (External influence), 3.2.5 (Board dismissal), and 3.10.3 (Control of finances) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.
- **Saint Philip's College**, San Antonio, Texas—Denied approval of three off-campus sites at private high schools in San Antonio, Texas: Southwest Preparatory High School Northwest, Southwest Preparatory High School Northeast, and Town East Christian High School for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standards 3.8.1 (Learning/information resources), 3.8.2 (Instruction of library use), 3.8.3 (Qualified staff), and 3.11.3 (Physical facilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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

- **Abilene Christian University**, Abilene, Texas—For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The SACSCOC Board did not authorize a Special Committee to visit the institution.

### The Board continued Probation for the following institution:

- **The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley**, Edinburg, Texas—For twelve months for failure to comply with Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The SACSCOC Board authorized a Special Committee to visit the institution.

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

- **Thomas University**, Thomasville, Georgia—For twelve months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.4.7 (Consortial relationships/contractual agreements) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The SACSCOC Board authorized a Special Committee to visit the institution.

### The Board denied reaffirmation, continued accreditation for good cause, and placed the following institution on Probation:

- **Johnson C. Smith University**, Charlotte, North Carolina—For twelve months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances). The SACSCOC Board authorized a Special Committee to visit the institution.

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

- **Bennett College**, Greensboro, North Carolina—For twelve 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*. The SACSCOC Board authorized a Special Committee.

- **St. Augustine's University**, Raleigh, North Carolina—For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The SACSCOC Board authorized a Special Committee.

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

- **Belmont Abbey College**, Belmont, North Carolina—For twelve months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability). The SACSCOC Board authorized a Special Committee to visit the institution.

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 recognized conflicts of interest.

Chair Moody asked Glenda Colagross, Chair of the Committee to Review Fifth-Year Interim Reports, to report on the review of 34 Track A institutions that make up the 2022 Track A reaffirmation class. Colagross reported that 25 of the 34 institutions reviewed were requested to submit a Referral Report to the SACSCOC Committees on Compliance and Reports. Standards most often cited were Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.11 (Academic program coordination), and Federal Requirement 4.1 (Student achievement).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

## Minutes of the Business Meeting of the College Delegate Assembly of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges—December 5, 2017

The College Delegate Assembly of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) held its Annual Business Meeting at the Omni Dallas Hotel, Dallas, Texas, on December 5, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Nancy Moody, Chair of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees and, President, *Emerita*, Tusculum College, Greeneville, Tennessee, presided. Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr., President of Alcorn State University, Lorman, Mississippi, served as Vice Chair.

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

Following Dr. Wheelan's presentation, Chair Moody recognized and commended the work of the *Principles* Review Committee, especially the leadership of Dr. Sandra Jordan, who served as the committee chair. Dr. Jordan provided an overview of the committee's work. Major re-organization of the SACSCOC *Principles* in a manner that created intentional and intuitive flow around broad topic areas, reduced redundancy and clarified the language were the key components of the changes to the *Principles*. Two new standards were added: governing board self-evaluation and student



debt. Further, the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) was retained but is no longer a Core Requirement.

Following Dr. Jordan's presentation, Chair Moody 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 1-3, 2017. (Refer to the December 3, 2017, meeting of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees for the minutes describing these actions.)

### Report from the Nominating Committee of SACSCOC

Chair Moody explained the process for nominating individuals to the 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 the SACSCOC Nominating Committee.

Vice Chair Rankins read the report of the SACSCOC Nominating Committee. The College Delegate Assembly elected the following individuals to serve on the **SACSCOC Board of Trustees**:

#### Class of 2020

*(Terms beginning January 1, 2018, and concluding December 31, 2020)*

- **Makola Abdullah**, President, Virginia State University, State University, Virginia
- **David L. Bailey, Jr.**, President, David Bailey Associates, Richmond, Virginia
- **Elizabeth M. Bejar**, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Florida International University, Miami, Florida (for re-election)
- **Kandi W. Deitemeyer**, President, Central Piedmont Community College, Charlotte, North Carolina (for re-election)
- **Joseph A. DiPietro**, President, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee (for re-election)
- **Ruth S. Feiock**, Assistant Vice President, Planning & Programs, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida (for re-election)
- **Richard Gough**, President, Technical College of the Lowcountry, Beaufort, South Carolina (for re-election)
- **Natalie J. Harder**, Chancellor, South Louisiana Community College, Lafayette, Louisiana (for re-election)
- **Marcia A. Hawkins**, President, Union College, Barbourville, Kentucky (for re-election)
- **Greg Holloway**, Mississippi House of Representatives, District 76, Hazlehurst, Mississippi
- **Thomas J. Hynes, Jr.**, President, Clayton State University, Morrow, Georgia (for re-election)
- **G. David Johnson**, Provost & Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama (for re-election)
- **Brenda Kays**, President, Kilgore College, Kilgore, Texas (for re-election)
- **Rebecca S. Maloney**, Academic Dean, Notre Dame Seminary, Mandeville, Louisiana
- **Jay Marr**, President/CEO, Sullivan University, Louisville, Kentucky
- **Rolando Montoya**, Provost *Emeritus*, Miami Dade College, Miami, Florida
- **Joseph A. Morgan**, President, Morehead State University, Morehead, Kentucky (for re-election)
- **Brian Noland**, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee
- **Al Panu**, Chancellor, University of South Carolina-Beaufort, Beaufort, South Carolina
- **Danny Parker**, Provost, Anderson University, Anderson, South Carolina
- **Robert L. Ritz**, Executive Vice President of Finance, Liberty University, Inc., Lynchburg, Virginia
- **John S. Smarelli**, President, Christian Brothers University, Memphis, Tennessee (for re-election)

- **Michael T. Stephenson**, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas
- **Ingrid Thompson-Sellers**, President, South Georgia State College, Douglas, Georgia
- **Valmadge Towner**, President, Coahoma Community College, Clarksdale, Mississippi (for re-election)
- **L. Anthony Wise, Jr.**, President, Pellissippi State Community College, Knoxville, Tennessee (for re-election)
- **Alissa L. Young**, President, Hopkinsville Community College, Hopkinsville, Kentucky (for re-election)

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

- **Institutional Representative on the SACS Board of Trustees—Thomas J. Hynes, Jr.**, President, Clayton State University, Morrow, Georgia

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

- **Appeals Committee, Class of 2020**

Jennifer Braaten, Interim President, Ferrum College, Ferrum, Virginia

Nathaniel Bishop, President, Jefferson College of Health Sciences, Roanoke, Virginia

Trina Boteler, Executive Vice President, Chattahoochee Technical College, Marietta, Georgia

- **Appeals Hearing Officer, Class of 2020**

Kevin E. Grady, Retired Partner, Alston & Bird, LLP, Atlanta, Georgia

Chair Moody referred the membership to the list of SACSCOC Board of Trustees elected on

Sunday, December 3, 2017, to serve on the 2018 Executive Council. The report was presented to the College Delegate Assembly as information. She recognized and thanked the following members of the 2017 SACSCOC Nominating Committee: Robert G. Boehmer, President, East Georgia State College, Swainsboro, Georgia (chair); Jennifer Braaten, President, Ferrum College, Ferrum, Virginia; David Beckley, President, Rust College, Holly Springs, Mississippi; Judy Genshaft, President, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida; and Elva LeBlanc, Tarrant County College District, Fort Worth, Texas.

### **Proposed Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement**

Chair Moody reminded the College Delegate Assembly (CDA) that the proposed *Principles of Accreditation* were reviewed and revised. The proposed *Principles* were posted to the SACSCOC website in September and the CDA received the appropriate notice in accordance with the standing rules that guide the adoption of the *Principles*. The CDA approved adoption of the proposed *Principles of Accreditation* to become effective January 1, 2018. Further, the CDA authorized the staff to make editorial changes.

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

Vice Chair Rankins read the reports from SACSCOC Board of Trustees regarding accreditation actions taken on June 17, 2017, and December 3, 2017. The reports were read as information. (Refer to the June 15, 2017, and December 3, 2017, Minutes of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees.)



## Leadership Transition

Chair Moody introduced Dr. Brenda Hellyer, Chancellor of San Jacinto College District and Chair-elect. She indicated that she had the privilege of working with Dr. Hellyer during her service as a member of the Executive Council, and that she came to this position of leadership

with experience and knowledge in the work of the Commission. Dr. Hellyer thanked Dr. Moody for her kind words and the membership for its confidence in her leadership.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. after announcing that the College Delegates would reconvene December 2018, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

## Appeals Proceedings of SACSCOC College Delegate Assembly

There were no appeals in 2017.



A photograph of a modern interior space, likely a library or university building. The scene features multiple levels connected by wooden walkways and glass railings. The architecture is clean and minimalist, with concrete and wood as primary materials. The lighting is bright and even. A semi-transparent white box containing the number '4' is centered in the upper half of the image.

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## 2017 Roll of Accredited and Candidate Institutions



## Institutions Awarded Initial Membership in 2017

Congratulations to the institutions awarded initial accreditation:

*(Membership is effective January 1, 2017)*

- **Bob Jones University**, Greenville, South Carolina (Accredited at Level V)
- **Florida Polytechnic University**, Lakeland, Florida (Accredited at Level III)
- **Northeast Lakeview College**, Universal City, Texas (Accredited at Level I)

## Member Institutions with a Change of Status in 2017

- **Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College**, Tifton, Georgia (Merger/consolidation of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and Bainbridge State College to be called Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College)
- **Armstrong State University** (Merger/consolidation of Georgia Southern University and Armstrong State University to be called Georgia Southern University)
- **Bainbridge State College** (Merger/consolidation of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and Bainbridge State College to be called Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College)
- **Georgia Southern University**, Statesboro, Georgia (Merger/consolidation of Georgia Southern University and Armstrong State University to be called Georgia Southern University)
- **Lynn University**, Boca Raton, Florida (Merger/consolidation of Lynn University and Digital Media Arts College to be called Lynn University)
- **Oblate School of Theology**, San Antonio, Texas (Withdrew from SACSCOC membership, effective June 30, 2017)

## Profile of Member and Candidate Institutions by State and by Degree Level as of December 31, 2017

State	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	TOTAL
Alabama	22	7	4	3	7	9	52
Florida	2	32	16	0	12	15	77
Georgia	23	20	11	5	10	11	80
Kentucky	16	7	6	2	12	6	49
Louisiana	11	3	4	2	10	9	39
Mississippi	15	1	4	1	5	6	32
North Carolina	60	10	21	0	11	10	112
South Carolina	17	7	10	4	10	3	51
Tennessee	14	3	15	2	18	11	63
Texas	61	12	25	1	31	31	161
Virginia	24	7	13	0	16	12	72
International	0	0	3	0	1	2	6
Candidate	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>795</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, 2017

State	Public	Private	TOTAL
Alabama	37	15	52
Florida	42	35	77
Georgia	50	30	80
Kentucky	24	25	49
Louisiana	28	11	39
Mississippi	24	8	32
North Carolina	75	37	112
South Carolina	29	22	51
Tennessee	23	40	63
Texas	107	54	161
Virginia	40	32	72
International	0	6	6
Candidate	1	0	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>795</b>

## 2017 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. For a candidate institution, the date of initial candidacy is listed. Candidates have a maximum of four years to attain initial membership from that 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:

- The following abbreviations and symbols are used in the tables that follow:  
Under Governance, "P" = Public; "Pr, NFP" = Private, Not For Profit; and "Pr, FP" = Private, For Profit  
Institutions are classified by their highest degree level offered. The levels are as follows::  
Level I: Associate degree—A  
Level II: Baccalaureate degree—B  
Level III: Master's degree—M  
Level IV: Master's degree and Educational Specialist—ES  
Level V: Three or fewer Doctoral degrees—D  
Level VI: Four or more Doctoral degrees—D
- One asterisk by the initial accreditation date indicates that the initial accreditation date is that of a merged/consolidated entity approved in 2017. The institutions will have been accredited prior to the date listed but as a different institution.  
In either case, the institution would have been accredited prior to the date listed but as a different entity.
- Two asterisks by the next reaffirmation date indicate that the institution's current reaffirmation was either denied or delayed and, therefore, could not be updated.
- If a name change occurred in 2017, 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	01/01/2004	2019	P	V	A M D
Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University	Normal	01/01/1963	2024	P	V	A B M E S D
Alabama State University	Montgomery	01/01/1966	2020	P	VI	A B M E S D
Amridge University	Montgomery	01/01/1989	2025	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Athens State University	Athens	01/01/1955	2021	P	III	B M
Auburn University	Auburn University	01/01/1922	2023	P	VI	B M E S D
Auburn University at Montgomery	Montgomery	01/01/1968	2018	P	V	B M E S D
Bevill State Community College	Jasper	01/01/1994	2020	P	I	A
Birmingham-Southern College	Birmingham	01/01/1922	2024	Pr, NFP	II	B
Bishop State Community College	Mobile	01/01/1992	2025	P	I	A

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Calhoun Community College	Tanner	01/01/1968	2022	P	I	A
Central Alabama Community College	Alexander City	01/01/1969	2025	P	I	A
Chattahoochee Valley Community College	Phenix City	01/01/1976	2023	P	I	A
Coastal Alabama Community College	Bay Minette	01/01/2016	2026	P	I	A
Concordia College Alabama	Selma	01/01/1983	2019	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Enterprise State Community College	Enterprise	01/01/1969	2024	P	I	A
Faulkner University	Montgomery	01/01/1971	2019	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Gadsden State Community College	Gadsden	01/01/2003	2018	P	I	A
George C. Wallace Community College	Dothan	01/01/2000	2022	P	I	A
George Corley Wallace State Community College	Selma	01/01/1974	2020	P	I	A
H. Councill Trenholm State Community College	Montgomery	01/01/2014	2019	P	I	A
Huntingdon College	Montgomery	01/01/1928	2020	Pr, NFP	II	A B
J. F. Drake State Community and Technical College	Huntsville	01/01/2012	2027	P	I	A
Jacksonville State University	Jacksonville	01/01/1935	2024	P	V	B M ES D
Jefferson State Community College	Birmingham	01/01/1968	2024	P	I	A
Judson College	Marion	01/01/1925	2025	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Lurleen B. Wallace Community College	Andalusia	01/01/2003	2018	P	I	A
Marion Military Institute	Marion	01/01/1926	2025	P	I	A
Miles College	Fairfield	01/01/1969	2023	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Northeast Alabama Community College	Rainsville	01/01/1969	2025	P	I	A
Northwest-Shoals Community College	Muscle Shoals	01/01/1994	2019	P	I	A
Oakwood University	Huntsville	01/01/1958	2023	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Samford University	Birmingham	01/01/1920	2027	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M ES D
Shelton State Community College	Tuscaloosa	01/01/1994	2019	P	I	A
Snead State Community College	Boaz	01/01/1941	2024	P	I	A
Southern Union State Community College	Wadley	01/01/1994	2027	P	I	A
Spring Hill College	Mobile	01/01/1922	2026	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Stillman College	Tuscaloosa	01/01/1953	2020	Pr, NFP	II	B
T.A. Lawson State Community College	Birmingham	01/01/2005	2020	P	I	A
Talladega College	Talladega	01/01/1931	2019	Pr, NFP	II	B
Troy University	Troy	01/01/2004	2020	P	V	A B M ES D
Tuskegee University	Tuskegee	01/01/1933	2018	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
United States Sports Academy	Daphne	01/01/1983	2018	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
The University of Alabama	Tuscaloosa	01/01/1897	2025	P	VI	B M ES D



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The University of Alabama at Birmingham	Birmingham	01/01/1970	2025	P	VI	B M D
The University of Alabama in Huntsville	Huntsville	01/01/1970	2026	P	VI	B M D
University of Mobile	Mobile	01/01/1968	2024	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
University of Montevallo	Montevallo	01/01/1925	2021	P	IV	B M E S
University of North Alabama	Florence	01/01/1934	2022	P	IV	B M E S
University of South Alabama	Mobile	01/01/1968	2023	P	VI	B M E S D
The University of West Alabama	Livingston	01/01/1938	2023	P	IV	A B M E S
Wallace State Community College	Hanceville	01/01/1978	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	01/01/1996	2021	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Ave Maria University	Ave Maria	01/01/2010	2025	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
The Baptist College of Florida	Graceville	01/01/1981	2018	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Barry University	Miami Shores	01/01/1947	2024	Pr, NFP	VI	B M E S D
Beacon College	Leesburg	01/01/2003	2018	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Bethune-Cookman University	Daytona Beach	01/01/1947	2020	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Broward College	Ft. Lauderdale	01/01/1965	2024	P	II	A B
Chipola College	Marianna	01/01/1957	2018	P	II	A B
College of Central Florida	Ocala	01/01/1964	2026	P	II	A B
Daytona State College	Daytona Beach	01/01/1963	2024	P	II	A B
Eastern Florida State College	Melbourne	01/01/1965	2024	P	II	A B
Eckerd College	St. Petersburg	01/01/1966	2021	Pr, NFP	II	B
Edward Waters College	Jacksonville	01/01/1979	2025	Pr, NFP	II	B
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Daytona Beach	01/01/1968	2022	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Everglades University	Boca Raton	01/01/2010	2025	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Flagler College	St. Augustine	01/01/1973	2019	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	Tallahassee	01/01/1935	2018	P	VI	B M D
Florida Atlantic University	Boca Raton	01/01/1967	2023	P	VI	B M D
Florida College	Temple Terrace	01/01/1954	2027	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Florida Gateway College	Lake City	01/01/1966	2020	P	II	A B
Florida Gulf Coast University	Fort Myers	01/01/1999	2025	P	V	B M D

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Florida Institute of Technology	Melbourne	01/01/1964	2025	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M E S D
Florida International University	Miami	01/01/1974	2021	P	VI	A B M E S D
Florida Keys Community College	Key West	01/01/1968	2022	P	II	A B
Florida Memorial University	Miami Gardens	01/01/1951	2022	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Florida National University	Hialeah	01/01/1997	2022	Pr, FP	III	A B M
Florida Polytechnic University	Lakeland	01/01/2017	2022	P	III	B M
Florida Southern College	Lakeland	01/01/1935	2018	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Florida SouthWestern State College	Fort Myers	01/01/1966	2022	P	II	A B
Florida State College at Jacksonville	Jacksonville	01/01/1969	2024	P	II	A B
Florida State University	Tallahassee	01/01/1915	2024	P	VI	A B M E S D
Gulf Coast State College	Panama City	01/01/1962	2021	P	II	A B
Hillsborough Community College	Tampa	01/01/1971	2027	P	I	A
Hodges University	Naples	01/01/1998	2023	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Indian River State College	Fort Pierce	01/01/1965	2024	P	II	A B
Jacksonville University	Jacksonville	01/01/1950	2023	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Keiser University	Ft. Lauderdale	01/01/1991	2027	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Lake-Sumter State College	Leesburg	01/01/1966	2021	P	II	A B
Lynn University (Merger of Lynn University and Digital Media Arts College)	Boca Raton	12/03/2017*	2021	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Miami Dade College	Miami	01/01/1965	2025	P	II	A B
Miami International University of Art & Design	Miami	01/01/1979	2022	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
New College of Florida	Sarasota	01/01/2004	2020	P	III	B M
North Florida Community College	Madison	01/01/1963	2025	P	I	A
Northwest Florida State College	Niceville	01/01/1967	2021	P	II	A B
Nova Southeastern University	Fort Lauderdale	01/01/1971	2027	Pr, NFP	VI	B M E S D
Palm Beach Atlantic University	West Palm Beach	01/01/1972	2018	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Palm Beach State College	Lake Worth	01/01/1942	2022	P	II	A B
Pasco-Hernando State College	New Port Richey	01/01/1974	2020	P	II	A B
Pensacola State College	Pensacola	01/01/1956	2018	P	II	A B
Polk State College	Winter Haven	01/01/1967	2021	P	II	A B
Ringling College of Art and Design	Sarasota	01/01/1979	2026	Pr, NFP	II	B
Rollins College	Winter Park	01/01/1927	2025	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Saint John Vianney College Seminary	Miami	01/01/1970	2027	Pr, NFP	II	B
St. Johns River State College	Palatka	01/01/1963	2024	P	II	A B
Saint Leo University	Saint Leo	01/01/1967	2021	Pr, NFP	V	A B M E S D

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St. Petersburg College	St. Petersburg	01/01/1931	2018	P	II	A B
Saint Thomas University	Miami Gardens	01/01/1968	2023	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary	Boynton Beach	01/01/1968	2020	Pr, NFP	III	M
Santa Fe College	Gainesville	01/01/1968	2023	P	II	A B
Seminole State College of Florida	Sanford	01/01/1969	2024	P	II	A B
South Florida State College	Avon Park	01/01/1968	2022	P	II	A B
Southeastern University, Inc.	Lakeland	01/01/1986	2021	Pr, NFP	V	A B M E S D
State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota	Bradenton	01/01/1963	2025	P	II	A B
Stetson University	DeLand	01/01/1932	2022	Pr, NFP	V	B M E S D
Tallahassee Community College	Tallahassee	01/01/1969	2025	P	II	A B
University of Central Florida	Orlando	01/01/1970	2026	P	VI	A B M E S D
University of Florida	Gainesville	01/01/1913	2024	P	VI	A B M E S D
University of Miami	Coral Gables	01/01/1940	2018	Pr, NFP	VI	B M E S D
University of North Florida	Jacksonville	01/01/1974	2019	P	VI	B M D
University of South Florida	Tampa	01/01/1965	2025	P	VI	A B M E S D
University of South Florida Sarasota–Manatee	Sarasota	01/01/2011	2026	P	III	A B M
University of South Florida St. Petersburg	St. Petersburg	01/01/2006	2021	P	III	A B M
The University of Tampa	Tampa	01/01/1951	2025	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
The University of West Florida	Pensacola	01/01/1969	2025	P	V	A B M D
Valencia College	Orlando	01/01/1969	2024	P	II	A B
Warner University	Lake Wales	01/01/1977	2022	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Webber International University	Babson Park	01/01/2011	2026	Pr, NFP	III	A B M

## Georgia

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (Merger of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and Bainbridge State College)	Tifton	12/03/2017*	2027	P	II	A B
Agnes Scott College	Decatur	01/01/1907	2025	Pr, NFP	II	B
Albany State University	Albany	01/01/2016	2020	P	IV	A B M E S
Albany Technical College	Albany	01/01/2005	2021	P	I	A
Andrew College	Cuthbert	01/01/1927	2026	Pr, NFP	I	A
The Art Institute of Atlanta	Atlanta	01/01/1985	2020	Pr, NFP	II	A B

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Athens Technical College	Athens	01/01/1988	2024	P	I	A
Atlanta Metropolitan State College	Atlanta	01/01/1976	2022	P	II	A B
Atlanta Technical College	Atlanta	01/01/2005	2020	P	I	A
Augusta Technical College	Augusta	01/01/1988	2024	P	I	A
Augusta University	Augusta	01/01/2012	2026	P	VI	A B M D
Berry College	Mount Berry	01/01/1957	2018	Pr, NFP	IV	B M E S
Brenau University	Gainesville	01/01/1947	2021	Pr, NFP	V	B M E S D
Brewton-Parker College	Mount Vernon	01/01/1962	2021	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Central Georgia Technical College	Warner Robins	01/01/2013	2026	P	I	A
Chattahoochee Technical College	Marietta	01/01/2009	2024	P	I	A
Clark Atlanta University	Atlanta	01/01/1990	2026	Pr, NFP	VI	B M E S D
Clayton State University	Morrow	01/01/1971	2024	P	III	A B M
Coastal Pines Technical College	Waycross	06/01/2014	2019	P	I	A
College of Coastal Georgia	Brunswick	01/01/1967	2022	P	II	A B
Columbia Theological Seminary	Decatur	01/01/1983	2023	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Columbus State University	Columbus	01/01/1963	2026	P	V	A B M E S D
Columbus Technical College	Columbus	01/01/1990	2025	P	I	A
Covenant College	Lookout Mountain	01/01/1971	2027	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Dalton State College	Dalton	01/01/1969	2023	P	II	A B
East Georgia State College	Swainsboro	01/01/1975	2021	P	II	A B
Emmanuel College	Franklin Springs	01/01/1967	2017**	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Emory University	Atlanta	01/01/1917	2024	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M E S D
Fort Valley State University	Fort Valley	01/01/1951	2020	P	IV	A B M E S
Georgia College and State University	Milledgeville	01/01/1925	2024	P	V	A B M E S D
Georgia Gwinnett College	Lawrenceville	01/01/2009	2024	P	II	A B
Georgia Highlands College	Rome	01/01/1972	2018	P	II	A B
Georgia Institute of Technology	Atlanta	01/01/1923	2025	P	VI	B M D
Georgia Military College	Milledgeville	01/01/1940	2027	P	II	A B
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	Rome	01/01/2008	2023	P	I	A
Georgia Piedmont Technical College	Clarkston	01/01/1967	2023	P	I	A
Georgia Southern University (Merger of Georgia Southern University and Armstrong State University)	Statesboro	12/03/2017*	2025	P	VI	A B M E S D
Georgia Southwestern State University	Americus	01/01/1932	2024	P	IV	B M E S
Georgia State University	Atlanta	01/01/2015	2019	P	VI	A B M E S D
Gordon State College	Barnesville	01/01/1941	2027	P	II	A B
Gwinnett Technical College	Lawrenceville	01/01/1991	2027	P	I	A
Interdenominational Theological Center	Atlanta	01/01/1984	2021	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Kennesaw State University	Kennesaw	01/01/2014	2019	P	VI	A B M E S D

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LaGrange College	LaGrange	01/01/1946	2023	Pr, NFP	IV	A B M E S
Lanier Technical College	Oakwood	01/01/2011	2027	P	I	A
Life University	Marietta	01/01/1986	2021	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Mercer University	Macon	01/01/1911	2025	Pr, NFP	VI	B M E S D
Middle Georgia State University	Macon	01/01/2012	2026	P	III	A B M
Morehouse College	Atlanta	01/01/1932	2019	Pr, NFP	II	B
Morehouse School of Medicine	Atlanta	01/01/1986	2021	Pr, NFP	V	M D
North Georgia Technical College	Clarkesville	01/01/2008	2023	P	I	A
Oconee Fall Line Technical College	Sandersville	01/01/2016	2021	P	I	A
Ogeechee Technical College	Statesboro	01/01/2014	2019	P	I	A
Oglethorpe University	Atlanta	01/01/1950	2027	Pr, NFP	II	B
Paine College	Augusta	01/01/1944	2021	Pr, NFP	II	B
Piedmont College	Demorest	01/01/1965	2027	Pr, NFP	V	B M E S D
Point University	West Point	01/01/1990	2026	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Reinhardt University	Waleska	01/01/1953	2018	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
The Savannah College of Art and Design	Savannah	01/01/2005	2020	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Savannah State University	Savannah	01/01/1951	2021	P	III	A B M
Savannah Technical College	Savannah	01/01/1991	2027	P	I	A
Shorter University	Rome	01/01/1923	2022	Pr, NFP	III	B M
South Georgia State College	Douglas	01/01/2012	2026	P	II	A B
South Georgia Technical College	Americus	01/01/2011	2026	P	I	A
South University	Savannah	01/01/2009	2024	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Southeastern Technical College	Vidalia	01/01/2009	2023	P	I	A
Southern Crescent Technical College	Griffin	01/01/2009	2024	P	I	A
Southern Regional Technical College	Thomasville	01/01/2015	2021	P	I	A
Spelman College	Atlanta	01/01/1932	2021	Pr, NFP	II	B
Thomas University	Thomasville	01/01/1984	2016**	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Toccoa Falls College	Toccoa Falls	01/01/1983	2019	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Truett McConnell University	Cleveland	01/01/1966	2020	Pr, NFP	III	B M
The University of Georgia	Athens	01/01/1909	2022	P	VI	A B M E S D
University of North Georgia	Dahlonega	01/01/2012	2026	P	V	A B M E S D
University of West Georgia	Carrollton	01/01/1936	2024	P	VI	A B M E S D
Valdosta State University	Valdosta	01/01/1929	2021	P	V	A B M E S D
Wesleyan College	Macon	01/01/1919	2025	Pr, NFP	III	B M
West Georgia Technical College	Waco	01/01/2008	2023	P	I	A
Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	Valdosta	01/01/2010	2025	P	I	A
Young Harris College	Young Harris	01/01/1938	2021	Pr, NFP	II	B

## Kentucky

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Alice Lloyd College	Pippa Passes	01/01/1952	2018	Pr, NFP	II	B
Asbury Theological Seminary	Wilmore	01/01/1984	2025	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Asbury University	Wilmore	01/01/1940	2019	Pr, NFP	IV	B M ES
Ashland Community and Technical College	Ashland	01/01/2003	2018	P	I	A
Bellarmine University	Louisville	01/01/1956	2018	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Berea College	Berea	01/01/1926	2026	Pr, NFP	II	B
Big Sandy Community and Technical College	Prestonsburg	01/01/2003	2018	P	I	A
Bluegrass Community and Technical College	Lexington	01/01/2005	2020	P	I	A
Brescia University	Owensboro	01/01/1957	2019	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Campbellsville University	Campbellsville	01/01/1963	2024	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Centre College	Danville	01/01/1904	2026	Pr, NFP	II	B
Clear Creek Baptist Bible College	Pineville	01/01/1999	2025	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond	01/01/1928	2027	P	VI	A B M ES D
Elizabethtown Community and Technical College	Elizabethtown	01/01/2004	2019	P	I	A
Frontier Nursing University	Hyden	01/01/2004	2019	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Galen College of Nursing	Louisville	01/01/2013	2018	Pr, FP	II	A B
Gateway Community and Technical College	Florence	01/01/2008	2023	P	I	A
Georgetown College	Georgetown	01/01/1919	2022	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Hazard Community and Technical College	Hazard	01/01/2002	2027	P	I	A
Henderson Community College	Henderson	01/01/1960	2022	P	I	A
Hopkinsville Community College	Hopkinsville	01/01/1965	2022	P	I	A
Jefferson Community and Technical College	Louisville	01/01/2005	2020	P	I	A
Kentucky Christian University	Grayson	01/01/1984	2020	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Kentucky State University	Frankfort	01/01/1939	2019	P	V	A B M D
Kentucky Wesleyan College	Owensboro	01/01/1948	2018	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Lindsey Wilson College	Columbia	01/01/1951	2023	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary	Louisville	01/01/1973	2020	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Madisonville Community College	Madisonville	01/01/2001	2027	P	I	A
Maysville Community and Technical College	Maysville	01/01/2004	2019	P	I	A
Midway University	Midway	01/01/1949	2025	Pr, NFP	III	A B M

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Morehead State University	Morehead	01/01/1930	2021	P	V	A B M E S D
Murray State University	Murray	01/01/1928	2024	P	V	A B M E S D
Northern Kentucky University	Highland Heights	01/01/1973	2019	P	V	A B M D
Owensboro Community and Technical College	Owensboro	01/01/2003	2026	P	I	A
Somerset Community College	Somerset	01/01/2003	2019	P	I	A
Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College	Bowling Green	01/01/2009	2024	P	I	A
Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College	Cumberland	01/01/2001	2027	P	I	A
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	Louisville	01/01/1968	2023	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Spalding University	Louisville	01/01/1938	2027	Pr, NFP	V	A B M E S D
Sullivan University	Louisville	01/01/1979	2025	Pr, FP	V	A B M D
Thomas More College	Crestview Hills	01/01/1959	2020	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Transylvania University	Lexington	01/01/1915	2022	Pr, NFP	II	B
Union College	Barbourville	01/01/1932	2025	Pr, NFP	IV	A B M E S
University of the Cumberlands	Williamsburg	01/01/1964	2026	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
University of Kentucky	Lexington	01/01/1915	2023	P	VI	A B M E S D
University of Louisville	Louisville	01/01/1915	2018	P	VI	A B M E S D
University of Pikeville	Pikeville	01/01/1931	2022	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
West Kentucky Community and Technical College	Paducah	01/01/2003	2018	P	I	A
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green	01/01/1926	2025	P	VI	A B M E S D

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Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Baton Rouge Community College	Baton Rouge	01/01/2004	2019	P	I	A
Bossier Parish Community College	Bossier City	01/01/1983	2018	P	I	A
Centenary College of Louisiana	Shreveport	01/01/1925	2019	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Delgado Community College	New Orleans	01/01/2011	2026	P	I	A
Dillard University	New Orleans	01/01/1938	2020	Pr, NFP	II	B
Elaine P. Nunez Community College	Chalmette	01/01/1992	2027	P	I	A
Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University	Baton Rouge	01/01/1994	2019	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Grambling State University	Grambling	01/01/1949	2020	P	V	A B M E S D

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L. E. Fletcher Technical Community College	Schriever	01/01/2009	2024	P	I	A
Louisiana College	Pineville	01/01/1923	2021	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Louisiana Delta Community College	Monroe	01/01/2013	2026	P	I	A
Louisiana State University and A&M College	Baton Rouge	01/01/2015	2024	P	VI	B M E S D
Louisiana State University at Alexandria	Alexandria	01/01/1960	2025	P	II	A B
Louisiana State University at Eunice	Eunice	01/01/1967	2024	P	I	A
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center	New Orleans	01/01/1931	2025	P	VI	A B M D
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport	Shreveport	01/01/2009	2024	P	VI	B M D
Louisiana State University in Shreveport	Shreveport	01/01/1975	2025	P	V	B M E S D
Louisiana Tech University	Ruston	01/01/1927	2025	P	VI	A B M E S D
Loyola University New Orleans	New Orleans	01/01/1929	2026	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
McNeese State University	Lake Charles	01/01/1954	2027	P	IV	A B M E S
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary	New Orleans	01/01/1965	2026	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Nicholls State University	Thibodaux	01/01/1964	2026	P	IV	A B M E S
Northwestern State University of Louisiana	Natchitoches	01/01/1941	2027	P	V	A B M E S D
Notre Dame Seminary	New Orleans	01/01/1951	2027	Pr, NFP	III	B M
River Parishes Community College	Gonzales	01/01/2004	2019	P	I	A
Saint Joseph Seminary College	Saint Benedict	01/01/1956	2023	Pr, NFP	II	B
South Louisiana Community College	Lafayette	01/01/2013	2018	P	I	A
Southeastern Louisiana University	Hammond	01/01/1946	2025	P	V	A B M E S D
Southern University and A & M College at Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	01/01/1938	2020	P	V	A B M E S D
Southern University Law Center	Baton Rouge	01/01/2015	2020	P	V	D
Southern University at New Orleans	New Orleans	01/01/1970	2020	P	III	A B M
Southern University at Shreveport	Shreveport	01/01/1975	2021	P	I	A
Sowela Technical Community College	Lake Charles	01/01/2014	2019	P	I	A
Tulane University	New Orleans	01/01/1903	2022	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
University of Holy Cross	New Orleans	01/01/1972	2027	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
The University of Louisiana at Lafayette	Lafayette	01/01/1925	2020	P	VI	A B M D
The University of Louisiana at Monroe	Monroe	01/01/1955	2019	P	VI	A B M E S D
University of New Orleans	New Orleans	01/01/1958	2025	P	VI	A B M D
Xavier University of Louisiana	New Orleans	01/01/1938	2021	Pr, NFP	V	B M D



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Alcorn State University	Lorman	01/01/1948	2021	P	IV	A B M ES
Belhaven University	Jackson	01/01/1946	2027	Pr, NFP	V	A B M ES D
Blue Mountain College	Blue Mountain	01/01/1927	2025	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Coahoma Community College	Clarksdale	01/01/1975	2021	P	I	A
Copiah-Lincoln Community College	Wesson	01/01/1936	2025	P	I	A
Delta State University	Cleveland	01/01/1930	2024	P	V	A B M D
East Central Community College	Decatur	01/01/1939	2022	P	I	A
East Mississippi Community College	Scooba	01/01/1949	2027	P	I	A
Hinds Community College	Raymond	01/01/1928	2017**	P	I	A
Holmes Community College	Goodman	01/01/1934	2026	P	I	A
Itawamba Community College	Fulton	01/01/1955	2018	P	I	A
Jackson State University	Jackson	01/01/1948	2021	P	VI	B M ES D
Jones County Junior College	Ellisville	01/01/1940	2018	P	I	A
Meridian Community College	Meridian	01/01/1942	2022	P	I	A
Millsaps College	Jackson	01/01/1912	2022	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Mississippi College	Clinton	01/01/1922	2023	Pr, NFP	V	B M ES D
Mississippi Delta Community College	Moorhead	01/01/1930	2018	P	I	A
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	Perkinston	01/01/1929	2020	P	I	A
Mississippi State University	Mississippi State	01/01/1926	2024	P	VI	B M ES D
Mississippi University for Women	Columbus	01/01/1921	2024	P	V	A B M D
Mississippi Valley State University	Itta Bena	01/01/1968	2023	P	III	B M
Northeast Mississippi Community College	Booneville	01/01/1956	2021	P	I	A
Northwest Mississippi Community College	Senatobia	01/01/1953	2027	P	I	A
Pearl River Community College	Poplarville	01/01/1929	2026	P	I	A
Reformed Theological Seminary	Jackson	01/01/1977	2022	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Rust College	Holly Springs	01/01/1970	2024	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Southwest Mississippi Community College	Summit	01/01/1958	2020	P	I	A
Tougaloo College	Tougaloo	01/01/1953	2019	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
University of Mississippi	University	01/01/1895	2019	P	VI	B M ES D
University of Mississippi Medical Center	Jackson	01/01/1991	2021	P	VI	B M D
The University of Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg	01/01/1929	2026	P	VI	B M ES D
William Carey University	Hattiesburg	01/01/1958	2019	Pr, NFP	VI	B M ES D

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Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Alamance Community College	Graham	01/01/1969	2024	P	I	A
Appalachian State University	Boone	01/01/1942	2023	P	V	B M E S D
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College	Asheville	01/01/1969	2025	P	I	A
Barton College	Wilson	01/01/1955	2019	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Beaufort County Community College	Washington	01/01/1973	2019	P	I	A
Belmont Abbey College	Belmont	01/01/1957	2020	Pr, NFP	II	B
Bennett College	Greensboro	01/01/1935	2020	Pr, NFP	II	B
Bladen Community College	Dublin	01/01/1976	2023	P	I	A
Blue Ridge Community College	Flat Rock	01/01/1973	2019	P	I	A
Brevard College	Brevard	01/01/1949	2021	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Brunswick Community College	Bolivia	01/01/1983	2019	P	I	A
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences	Concord	01/01/1995	2020	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute	Hudson	01/01/1969	2027	P	I	A
Campbell University	Buies Creek	01/01/1941	2021	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
Cape Fear Community College	Wilmington	01/01/1971	2027	P	I	A
Carolinas College of Health Sciences	Charlotte	01/01/1995	2020	P	I	A
Carteret Community College	Morehead City	01/01/1974	2020	P	I	A
Catawba College	Salisbury	01/01/1928	2025	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Catawba Valley Community College	Hickory	01/01/1969	2025	P	I	A
Central Carolina Community College	Sanford	01/01/1972	2018	P	I	A
Central Piedmont Community College	Charlotte	01/01/1969	2024	P	I	A
Chowan University	Murfreesboro	01/01/1956	2019	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Cleveland Community College	Shelby	01/01/1975	2022	P	I	A
Coastal Carolina Community College	Jacksonville	01/01/1972	2018	P	I	A
College of The Albemarle	Elizabeth City	01/01/1968	2024	P	I	A
Craven Community College	New Bern	01/01/1971	2027	P	I	A
Davidson College	Davidson	01/01/1917	2027	Pr, NFP	II	B
Davidson County Community College	Lexington	01/01/1968	2023	P	I	A
Duke University	Durham	01/01/1895	2019	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Durham Technical Community College	Durham	01/01/1971	2027	P	I	A
East Carolina University	Greenville	01/01/1927	2023	P	VI	B M E S D
Edgecombe Community College	Tarboro	01/01/1973	2019	P	I	A
Elizabeth City State University	Elizabeth City	01/01/1947	2021	P	III	B M
Elon University	Elon	01/01/1947	2023	Pr, NFP	V	B M D

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Fayetteville State University	Fayetteville	01/01/1947	2022	P	V	A B M D
Fayetteville Technical Community College	Fayetteville	01/01/1967	2021	P	I	A
Forsyth Technical Community College	Winston-Salem	01/01/1968	2023	P	I	A
Gardner-Webb University	Boiling Springs	01/01/1948	2027	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Gaston College	Dallas	01/01/1967	2022	P	I	A
Greensboro College	Greensboro	01/01/1926	2025	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Guilford College	Greensboro	01/01/1926	2027	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Guilford Technical Community College	Jamestown	01/01/1969	2025	P	I	A
Halifax Community College	Weldon	01/01/1975	2021	P	I	A
Haywood Community College	Clyde	01/01/1973	2019	P	I	A
High Point University	High Point	01/01/1951	2026	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Isothermal Community College	Spindale	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A
James Sprunt Community College	Kenansville	01/01/1973	2019	P	I	A
Johnson C. Smith University	Charlotte	01/01/1933	2017**	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Johnston Community College	Smithfield	01/01/1977	2023	P	I	A
Lees-McRae College	Banner Elk	01/01/1953	2025	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Lenoir Community College	Kinston	01/01/1968	2024	P	I	A
Lenoir-Rhyne University	Hickory	01/01/2013	2018	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Livingstone College	Salisbury	01/01/1944	2021	Pr, NFP	II	B
Louisburg College	Louisburg	01/01/1952	2026	Pr, NFP	I	A
Mars Hill University	Mars Hill	01/01/1926	2022	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Martin Community College	Williamston	01/01/1972	2019	P	I	A
Mayland Community College	Spruce Pine	01/01/1978	2025	P	I	A
McDowell Technical Community College	Marion	01/01/1975	2021	P	I	A
Meredith College	Raleigh	01/01/1921	2021	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Methodist University	Fayetteville	01/01/1966	2019	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Mid-Atlantic Christian University	Elizabeth City	01/01/1999	2025	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Mitchell Community College	Statesville	01/01/1955	2018	P	I	A
Montgomery Community College	Troy	01/01/1978	2024	P	I	A
Montreat College	Montreat	01/01/1960	2020	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Nash Community College	Rocky Mount	01/01/1976	2021	P	I	A
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University	Greensboro	01/01/1936	2021	P	VI	B M D
North Carolina Central University	Durham	01/01/1938	2019	P	V	B M D
North Carolina State University	Raleigh	01/01/1928	2024	P	VI	A B M D
North Carolina Wesleyan College	Rocky Mount	01/01/1966	2020	Pr, NFP	II	B
Pamlico Community College	Grantsboro	01/01/1977	2023	P	I	A
Pfeiffer University	Misenheimer	01/01/1942	2022	Pr, NFP	III	B M

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Piedmont Community College	Roxboro	01/01/1977	2023	P	I	A
Pitt Community College	Winterville	01/01/1969	2023	P	I	A
Queens University of Charlotte	Charlotte	01/01/1932	2022	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Randolph Community College	Asheboro	01/01/1974	2020	P	I	A
Richmond Community College	Hamlet	01/01/1969	2024	P	I	A
Roanoke-Chowan Community College	Ahoskie	01/01/1976	2022	P	I	A
Robeson Community College	Lumberton	01/01/1975	2020	P	I	A
Rockingham Community College	Wentworth	01/01/1968	2024	P	I	A
Rowan-Cabarrus Community College	Salisbury	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A
Saint Augustine's University	Raleigh	01/01/1942	2021	Pr, NFP	II	B
Salem College	Winston-Salem	01/01/1922	2021	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Sampson Community College	Clinton	01/01/1977	2024	P	I	A
Sandhills Community College	Pinehurst	01/01/1968	2024	P	I	A
Shaw University	Raleigh	01/01/1943	2022	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
South Piedmont Community College	Polkton	01/01/1977	2024	P	I	A
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary	Wake Forest	01/01/1978	2022	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Southeastern Community College	Whiteville	01/01/1967	2022	P	I	A
Southwestern Community College	Sylva	01/01/1971	2027	P	I	A
Stanly Community College	Albemarle	01/01/1979	2025	P	I	A
Surry Community College	Dobson	01/01/1969	2025	P	I	A
Tri-County Community College	Murphy	01/01/1975	2020	P	I	A
University of Mount Olive	Mount Olive	01/01/1960	2021	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
The University of North Carolina–Asheville	Asheville	01/01/1958	2023	P	III	B M
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Chapel Hill	01/01/1895	2027	P	VI	B M E S D
The University of North Carolina at Charlotte	Charlotte	01/01/1957	2023	P	VI	B M E S D
The University of North Carolina at Greensboro	Greensboro	01/01/1921	2024	P	VI	B M E S D
University of North Carolina at Pembroke	Pembroke	01/01/1951	2020	P	III	B M
University of North Carolina School of the Arts	Winston-Salem	01/01/1970	2026	P	III	B M
The University of North Carolina at Wilmington	Wilmington	01/01/1952	2023	P	VI	B M D
Vance Granville Community College	Henderson	01/01/1977	2023	P	I	A
Wake Forest University	Winston-Salem	01/01/1921	2026	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
Wake Technical Community College	Raleigh	01/01/1970	2025	P	I	A
Warren Wilson College	Asheville	01/01/1952	2025	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Wayne Community College	Goldsboro	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A



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Western Carolina University	Cullowhee	01/01/1946	2027	P	V	B M E S D
Western Piedmont Community College	Morganton	01/01/1968	2024	P	I	A
Wilkes Community College	Wilkesboro	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A
William Peace University	Raleigh	01/01/1947	2022	Pr, NFP	II	B
Wilson Community College	Wilson	01/01/1969	2025	P	I	A
Wingate University	Wingate	01/01/1951	2026	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Winston-Salem State University	Winston-Salem	01/01/1947	2020	P	V	B M D

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Aiken Technical College	Aiken	01/01/1975	2021	P	I	A
Allen University	Columbia	01/01/1992	2027	Pr, NFP	II	B
Anderson University	Anderson	01/01/1959	2018	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Benedict College	Columbia	01/01/1946	2021	Pr, NFP	II	B
Bob Jones University	Greenville	01/01/2017	2022	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Central Carolina Technical College	Sumter	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A
Charleston Southern University	Charleston	01/01/1970	2026	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
The Citadel	Charleston	01/01/1924	2024	P	IV	B M E S
Claflin University	Orangeburg	01/01/1947	2022	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Clemson University	Clemson	01/01/1927	2023	P	VI	B M E S D
Coastal Carolina University	Conway	01/01/1976	2022	P	V	A B M E S D
Coker College	Hartsville	01/01/1923	2025	Pr, NFP	III	B M
College of Charleston	Charleston	01/01/1916	2027	P	III	B M
Columbia College	Columbia	01/01/1938	2022	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Columbia International University	Columbia	01/01/1982	2018	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Converse College	Spartanburg	01/01/1912	2027	Pr, NFP	IV	B M E S
Denmark Technical College	Denmark	01/01/1979	2025	P	I	A
Erskine College	Due West	01/01/1925	2022	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Florence-Darlington Technical College	Florence	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A
Francis Marion University	Florence	01/01/1972	2018	P	V	A B M E S D
Furman University	Greenville	01/01/1924	2018	Pr, NFP	IV	B M E S
Greenville Technical College	Greenville	01/01/1968	2023	P	I	A
Horry-Georgetown Technical College	Conway	01/01/1972	2019	P	I	A
Lander University	Greenwood	01/01/1952	2027	P	III	B M
Limestone College	Gaffney	01/01/1928	2019	Pr, NFP	III	A B M

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Medical University of South Carolina	Charleston	01/01/1971	2027	P	VI	B M D
Midlands Technical College	Columbia	01/01/1974	2020	P	I	A
Morris College	Sumter	01/01/1978	2022	Pr, NFP	II	B
Newberry College	Newberry	01/01/1936	2022	Pr, NFP	II	B
North Greenville University	Tigerville	01/01/1957	2020	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Northeastern Technical College	Cheraw	01/01/1973	2018	P	I	A
Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College	Orangeburg	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A
Piedmont Technical College	Greenwood	01/01/1972	2018	P	I	A
Presbyterian College	Clinton	01/01/1949	2027	Pr, NFP	V	B D
Sherman College of Chiropractic	Spartanburg	01/01/2002	2027	Pr, NFP	V	D
South Carolina State University	Orangeburg	01/01/1941	2020	P	V	B M E S D
Southern Wesleyan University	Central	01/01/1973	2019	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Spartanburg Community College	Spartanburg	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A
Spartanburg Methodist College	Spartanburg	01/01/1957	2019	Pr, NFP	I	A
Technical College of the Lowcountry	Beaufort	01/01/1978	2025	P	I	A
Tri-County Technical College	Pendleton	01/01/1971	2027	P	I	A
Trident Technical College	North Charleston	01/01/1974	2021	P	I	A
University of South Carolina–Aiken	Aiken	01/01/1977	2021	P	III	A B M
University of South Carolina Beaufort	Bluffton	01/01/2004	2019	P	II	A B
University of South Carolina–Columbia	Columbia	01/01/1917	2021	P	VI	A B M E S D
University of South Carolina Upstate	Spartanburg	01/01/1976	2022	P	III	A B M
Voorhees College	Denmark	01/01/1946	2022	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Williamsburg Technical College	Kingstree	01/01/1977	2022	P	I	A
Winthrop University	Rock Hill	01/01/1923	2022	P	IV	B M E S
Wofford College	Spartanburg	01/01/1917	2027	Pr, NFP	II	B
York Technical College	Rock Hill	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A

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Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Aquinas College	Nashville	01/01/1971	2021	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Austin Peay State University	Clarksville	01/01/1947	2024	P	IV	A B M E S
Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences	Memphis	01/01/1999	2025	Pr, NFP	V	A B D
Belmont University	Nashville	01/01/1959	2021	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Bethel University	McKenzie	01/01/1952	2018	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Bryan College	Dayton	01/01/1969	2024	Pr, NFP	III	A B M

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Carson-Newman University	Jefferson City	01/01/1921	2023	Pr, NFP	V	A B M E S D
Chattanooga State Community College	Chattanooga	01/01/1967	2021	P	I	A
Christian Brothers University	Memphis	01/01/1958	2020	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Cleveland State Community College	Cleveland	01/01/1969	2024	P	I	A
Columbia State Community College	Columbia	01/01/1968	2023	P	I	A
Cumberland University	Lebanon	01/01/1962	2020	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Dyersburg State Community College	Dyersburg	01/01/1971	2018	P	I	A
East Tennessee State University	Johnson City	01/01/1927	2023	P	VI	A B M E S D
Fisk University	Nashville	01/01/1930	2019	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Freed-Hardeman University	Henderson	01/01/1956	2021	Pr, NFP	V	B M E S D
Jackson State Community College	Jackson	01/01/1969	2026	P	I	A
John A. Gupton College	Nashville	01/01/1971	2027	Pr, NFP	I	A
Johnson University	Knoxville	01/01/2013	2026	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
King University	Bristol	01/01/1947	2018	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Lane College	Jackson	01/01/1949	2023	Pr, NFP	II	B
Lee University	Cleveland	01/01/1960	2025	Pr, NFP	IV	B M E S
LeMoyne-Owen College	Memphis	01/01/1939	2023	Pr, NFP	II	B
Lincoln Memorial University	Harrogate	01/01/1936	2019	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M E S D
Lipscomb University	Nashville	01/01/1954	2027	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Martin Methodist College	Pulaski	01/01/1952	2019	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Maryville College	Maryville	01/01/1922	2024	Pr, NFP	II	B
Meharry Medical College	Nashville	01/01/1972	2027	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Memphis College of Art	Memphis	01/01/1963	2022	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Memphis Theological Seminary	Memphis	01/01/1988	2018	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary	Cordova	01/01/1981	2026	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia	Madison	01/01/1994	2019	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Middle Tennessee State University	Murfreesboro	01/01/1928	2026	P	VI	A B M E S D
Milligan College	Milligan College	01/01/2015	2020	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Motlow State Community College	Lynchburg	01/01/1971	2018	P	I	A
Nashville State Community College	Nashville	01/01/1972	2018	P	I	A
Northeast State Community College	Blountville	01/01/1984	2021	P	I	A
Pellissippi State Community College	Knoxville	01/01/1977	2022	P	I	A
Pentecostal Theological Seminary	Cleveland	01/01/1984	2019	Pr, NFP	V	C M D
Rhodes College	Memphis	01/01/1911	2020	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Richmont Graduate University	Chattanooga	01/01/2003	2018	Pr, NFP	III	M
Roane State Community College	Harriman	01/01/1974	2020	P	I	A
South College	Knoxville	01/01/2016	2021	Pr, FP	V	A B M E S D
Southern Adventist University	Collegedale	01/01/1950	2022	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D

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Southern College of Optometry	Memphis	01/01/1967	2023	Pr, NFP	V	D
Southwest Tennessee Community College	Memphis	01/01/2000	2025	P	I	A
Tennessee State University	Nashville	01/01/1946	2020	P	VI	A B M E S D
Tennessee Technological University	Cookeville	01/01/1939	2026	P	V	A B M E S D
Tennessee Wesleyan University	Athens	01/01/1926	2020	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Trevecca Nazarene University	Nashville	01/01/1969	2023	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Tusculum College	Greeneville	01/01/1926	2020	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Union University	Jackson	01/01/1948	2027	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
The University of Memphis	Memphis	01/01/1927	2025	P	VI	B M E S D
The University of the South	Sewanee	01/01/1895	2026	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
University of Tennessee, Knoxville	Knoxville	01/01/1897	2025	P	VI	B M E S D
The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga	Chattanooga	01/01/1910	2022	P	VI	B M E S D
The University of Tennessee Health Science Center	Memphis	01/01/1972	2020	P	VI	B M D
The University of Tennessee at Martin	Martin	01/01/1951	2023	P	III	A B M
Vanderbilt University	Nashville	01/01/1895	2027	Pr, NFP	VI	B M E S D
Volunteer State Community College	Gallatin	01/01/1973	2020	P	I	A
Walters State Community College	Morristown	01/01/1972	2018	P	I	A
Watkins College of Art, Design & Film	Nashville	01/01/2010	2025	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Welch College	Gallatin	01/01/1996	2021	Pr, NFP	III	A B M

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Abilene Christian University	Abilene	01/01/1971	2022	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Alvin Community College	Alvin	01/01/1959	2021	P	I	A
Amarillo College	Amarillo	01/01/1933	2023	P	I	A
Amberton University	Garland	01/01/1981	2027	Pr, NFP	III	B M
American College of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine	Houston	01/01/2012	2027	Pr, FP	V	M D
Angelina College	Lufkin	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A
Angelo State University	San Angelo	01/01/1936	2023	P	V	A B M D
AOMA Graduate School of Integrative Medicine	Austin	01/01/2009	2024	Pr, FP	V	M D
The Art Institute of Houston	Houston	01/01/2000	2025	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Austin College	Sherman	01/01/1947	2019	Pr, NFP	III	B M



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Austin Community College	Austin	01/01/1978	2023	P	I	A
Austin Graduate School of Theology	Austin	01/01/1987	2022	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary	Austin	01/01/1973	2019	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary	Jacksonville	01/01/1986	2022	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Baylor College of Medicine	Houston	01/01/1970	2026	Pr, NFP	VI	M D
Baylor University	Waco	01/01/1914	2018	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
Blinn College District	Brenham	01/01/1950	2025	P	I	A
Brazosport College	Lake Jackson	01/01/1970	2026	P	II	A B
Brite Divinity School	Fort Worth	01/01/2007	2021	Pr, NFP	V	D
Brookhaven College	Dallas	01/01/1979	2023	P	I	A
Cedar Valley College	Lancaster	01/01/1979	2023	P	I	A
Central Texas College	Killeen	01/01/1969	2025	P	I	A
Cisco College	Cisco	01/01/1958	2020	P	I	A
Clarendon College	Clarendon	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A
Coastal Bend College	Beeville	01/01/1969	2024	P	I	A
College of Biblical Studies–Houston	Houston	01/01/2013	2018	Pr, NFP	II	A B
College of the Mainland	Texas City	01/01/1969	2024	P	I	A
Collin County Community College District	McKinney	01/01/1989	2025	P	I	A
Concordia University Texas	Austin	01/01/1968	2018	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Criswell College	Dallas	01/01/1985	2020	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Dallas Baptist University	Dallas	01/01/1959	2018	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Dallas Theological Seminary	Dallas	01/01/1969	2024	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Del Mar College	Corpus Christi	01/01/1946	2021	P	I	A
East Texas Baptist University	Marshall	01/01/1957	2019	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Eastfield College	Mesquite	01/01/1972	2023	P	I	A
El Centro College	Dallas	01/01/1968	2023	P	I	A
El Paso County Community College District	El Paso	01/01/1978	2023	P	I	A
Frank Phillips College	Borger	01/01/1958	2020	P	I	A
Galveston College	Galveston	01/01/1969	2025	P	I	A
Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics	Dallas	01/01/2005	2020	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Grayson College	Denison	01/01/1967	2022	P	I	A
Hardin-Simmons University	Abilene	01/01/1927	2027	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Hill College	Hillsboro	01/01/1966	2021	P	I	A
Houston Baptist University	Houston	01/01/1968	2021	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Houston Community College	Houston	01/01/1977	2022	P	I	A
Howard College	Big Spring	01/01/1955	2027	P	I	A

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Howard Payne University	Brownwood	01/01/1948	2024	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Huston-Tillotson University	Austin	01/01/1943	2021	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Jacksonville College	Jacksonville	01/01/1974	2020	Pr, NFP	I	A
Jarvis Christian College	Hawkins	01/01/1967	2024	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Kilgore College	Kilgore	01/01/1939	2019	P	I	A
Lamar Institute of Technology	Beaumont	01/01/2000	2025	P	I	A
Lamar State College–Orange	Orange	01/01/1989	2025	P	I	A
Lamar State College–Port Arthur	Port Arthur	01/01/1988	2023	P	I	A
Lamar University	Beaumont	01/01/1955	2020	P	VI	A B M D
Laredo Community College	Laredo	01/01/1957	2020	P	I	A
Lee College	Baytown	01/01/1948	2026	P	I	A
LeTourneau University	Longview	01/01/1970	2026	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Lone Star College System	The Woodlands	01/01/1976	2022	P	I	A
Lubbock Christian University	Lubbock	01/01/1963	2018	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
McLennan Community College	Waco	01/01/1968	2022	P	I	A
McMurry University	Abilene	01/01/1949	2019	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Midland College	Midland	01/01/1975	2021	P	II	A B
Midwestern State University	Wichita Falls	01/01/1950	2023	P	III	A B M
Mountain View College	Dallas	01/01/1972	2023	P	I	A
Navarro College	Corsicana	01/01/1954	2026	P	I	A
North Central Texas College	Gainesville	01/01/1961	2022	P	I	A
North Lake College	Irving	01/01/1979	2023	P	I	A
Northeast Lakeview College	Universal City	01/01/2017	2022	P	I	A
Northeast Texas Community College	Mt. Pleasant	01/01/1987	2023	P	I	A
Northwest Vista College	San Antonio	01/01/2001	2026	P	I	A
Odessa College	Odessa	01/01/1952	2022	P	I	A
Our Lady of the Lake University	San Antonio	01/01/1923	2022	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Palo Alto College	San Antonio	01/01/1987	2022	P	I	A
Panola College	Carthage	01/01/1960	2020	P	I	A
Paris Junior College	Paris	01/01/1934	2023	P	I	A
Parker University	Dallas	01/01/1987	2022	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Prairie View A&M University	Prairie View	01/01/1934	2020	P	VI	B M D
Ranger College	Ranger	01/01/1968	2023	P	I	A
Richland College	Dallas	01/01/1974	2023	P	I	A
St. Edward's University	Austin	01/01/1958	2027	Pr, NFP	III	B M
St. Mary's University	San Antonio	01/01/1949	2024	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Saint Philip's College	San Antonio	01/01/1951	2026	P	I	A
Sam Houston State University	Huntsville	01/01/1925	2019	P	V	B M D
San Antonio College	San Antonio	01/01/1952	2026	P	I	A

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The San Jacinto College District	Pasadena	01/01/1966	2019	P	I	A
Schreiner University	Kerrville	01/01/1934	2019	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Seminary of the Southwest	Austin	01/01/1983	2024	Pr, NFP	III	M
South Plains College	Levelland	01/01/1963	2024	P	I	A
South Texas College	McAllen	01/01/1995	2021	P	II	A B
Southern Methodist University	Dallas	01/01/1921	2021	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
Southwest Texas Junior College	Uvalde	01/01/1964	2026	P	I	A
Southwestern Adventist University	Keene	01/01/1958	2026	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Southwestern Assemblies of God University	Waxahachie	01/01/1968	2022	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	Fort Worth	01/01/1969	2021	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
Southwestern Christian College	Terrell	01/01/1973	2019	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Southwestern University	Georgetown	01/01/1915	2023	Pr, NFP	II	B
Stephen F. Austin State University	Nacogdoches	01/01/1927	2021	P	V	B M D
Sul Ross State University	Alpine	01/01/1929	2018	P	III	A B M
Tarleton State University	Stephenville	01/01/1926	2021	P	V	A B M D
Tarrant County College District	Fort Worth	01/01/1969	2024	P	I	A
Temple College	Temple	01/01/1959	2021	P	I	A
Texarkana College	Texarkana	01/01/1931	2026	P	I	A
Texas A&M International University	Laredo	01/01/1970	2025	P	V	A B M D
Texas A&M University	College Station	01/01/2013	2022	P	VI	B M D
Texas A&M University—Central Texas	Killeen	01/01/2013	2018	P	IV	B M E S
Texas A&M University—Commerce	Commerce	01/01/1925	2024	P	VI	B M D
Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi	01/01/1975	2020	P	VI	A B M D
Texas A&M University—Kingsville	Kingsville	01/01/1933	2025	P	VI	B M D
Texas A&M University—San Antonio	San Antonio	01/01/2014	2019	P	III	B M
Texas A&M University—Texarkana	Texarkana	01/01/1979	2026	P	V	B M D
Texas Chiropractic College	Pasadena	01/01/1984	2019	Pr, NFP	V	B D
Texas Christian University	Fort Worth	01/01/1922	2023	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
Texas College	Tyler	01/01/2001	2026	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Texas Lutheran University	Seguin	01/01/1940	2018	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Texas Southern University	Houston	01/01/1948	2020	P	VI	B M D
Texas Southmost College	Brownsville	01/01/1930	2020	P	I	A
Texas State Technical College	Waco	01/01/2015	2020	P	I	A
Texas State University	San Marcos	01/01/1925	2020	P	VI	B M D
Texas Tech University	Lubbock	01/01/1928	2025	P	VI	B M D
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center	Lubbock	01/01/2004	2019	P	VI	B M D
Texas Wesleyan University	Fort Worth	01/01/1949	2023	Pr, NFP	V	B M D

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Texas Woman's University	Denton	01/01/1923	2023	P	VI	B M D
Trinity University	San Antonio	01/01/1946	2018	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Trinity Valley Community College	Athens	01/01/1952	2027	P	I	A
Tyler Junior College	Tyler	01/01/1931	2021	P	II	A B
University of Dallas	Irving	01/01/1963	2024	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
University of Houston	Houston	01/01/1954	2018	P	VI	B M D
University of Houston–Clear Lake	Houston	01/01/1976	2022	P	V	B M D
University of Houston–Downtown	Houston	01/01/1976	2026	P	III	B M
University of Houston–Victoria	Victoria	01/01/1978	2024	P	III	B M
University of the Incarnate Word	San Antonio	01/01/1925	2025	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
University of Mary Hardin–Baylor	Belton	01/01/1926	2024	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
University of North Texas	Denton	01/01/1925	2026	P	VI	B M D
University of North Texas at Dallas	Dallas	01/01/2013	2018	P	V	B M D
University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth	Fort Worth	01/01/1995	2020	P	VI	D
University of St. Thomas	Houston	01/01/1954	2025	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
The University of Texas at Arlington	Arlington	01/01/1964	2027	P	VI	B M D
The University of Texas at Austin	Austin	01/01/1901	2018	P	VI	B M D
The University of Texas at Dallas	Richardson	01/01/1972	2018	P	VI	B M D
The University of Texas at El Paso	El Paso	01/01/1936	2026	P	VI	B M D
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	Houston	01/01/1973	2021	P	VI	B M D
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	San Antonio	01/01/1973	2018	P	VI	B M D
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler	Tyler	01/01/2015	2020	P	III	M
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center	Houston	01/01/2005	2021	P	V	B M D
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston	Galveston	01/01/1973	2018	P	VI	B M D
The University of Texas of the Permian Basin	Odessa	01/01/1975	2020	P	III	B M
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Edinburg	01/01/1932	2019	P	VI	A B M D
The University of Texas at San Antonio	San Antonio	01/01/1974	2020	P	VI	B M D
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	Dallas	01/01/1973	2019	P	VI	B M D
The University of Texas at Tyler	Tyler	01/01/1974	2020	P	V	B M D
Vernon College	Vernon	01/01/1974	2019	P	I	A
Victoria College	Victoria	01/01/1951	2024	P	I	A
Wade College	Dallas	01/01/1985	2020	Pr, FP	II	A B
Wayland Baptist University	Plainview	01/01/1956	2018	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D

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Weatherford College	Weatherford	01/01/1956	2022	P	I	A
West Texas A&M University	Canyon	01/01/1925	2026	P	V	B M D
Western Texas College	Snyder	01/01/1973	2018	P	I	A
Wharton County Junior College	Wharton	01/01/1951	2019	P	I	A
Wiley College	Marshall	01/01/1933	2023	Pr, NFP	II	A B
William Marsh Rice University	Houston	01/01/1914	2026	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D

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Appalachian College of Pharmacy	Oakwood	01/01/2011	2026	Pr, NFP	V	D
Averett University	Danville	01/01/1928	2027	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Blue Ridge Community College	Weyers Cave	01/01/1969	2025	P	I	A
Bluefield College	Bluefield	01/01/1949	2023	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Bridgewater College	Bridgewater	01/01/1925	2022	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Central Virginia Community College	Lynchburg	01/01/1969	2024	P	I	A
Christendom College	Front Royal	01/01/1996	2022	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Christopher Newport University	Newport News	01/01/1971	2027	P	III	B M
The College of William & Mary	Williamsburg	01/01/1921	2026	P	VI	A B M D
Dabney S. Lancaster Community College	Clifton Forge	01/01/1969	2024	P	I	A
Danville Community College	Danville	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A
Divine Mercy University	Arlington	01/01/2005	2020	Pr, NFP	V	D
Eastern Mennonite University	Harrisonburg	01/01/1959	2021	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Eastern Shore Community College	Melfa	01/01/1973	2019	P	I	A
Eastern Virginia Medical School	Norfolk	01/01/1984	2020	Pr, NFP	VI	M D
ECPI University	Virginia Beach	01/01/1998	2023	Pr, FP	III	A B M
Emory & Henry College	Emory	01/01/1925	2027	Pr, NFP	V	B D
Ferrum College	Ferrum	01/01/1960	2021	Pr, NFP	II	A B
George Mason University	Fairfax	01/01/1972	2022	P	VI	B M D
Germanna Community College	Locust Grove	01/01/1972	2018	P	I	A
Hampden-Sydney College	Hampden-Sydney	01/01/1919	2027	Pr, NFP	II	B
Hampton University	Hampton	01/01/1932	2018	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
Hollins University	Roanoke	01/01/1932	2027	Pr, NFP	III	B M
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College	Richmond	01/01/1974	2020	P	I	A
James Madison University	Harrisonburg	01/01/1927	2023	P	VI	B M E S D
Jefferson College of Health Sciences	Roanoke	01/01/1986	2020	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D

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John Tyler Community College	Chester	01/01/1969	2023	P	I	A
Liberty University, Inc.	Lynchburg	01/01/1980	2026	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M E S D
Longwood University	Farmville	01/01/1927	2024	P	III	B M
Lord Fairfax Community College	Middletown	01/01/1972	2018	P	I	A
Lynchburg College	Lynchburg	01/01/1927	2024	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Marine Corps University	Quantico	01/01/1999	2025	P	III	M
Mary Baldwin University	Staunton	01/01/1931	2027	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Marymount University	Arlington	01/01/1958	2018	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Mountain Empire Community College	Big Stone Gap	01/01/1974	2020	P	I	A
New River Community College	Dublin	01/01/1972	2018	P	I	A
Norfolk State University	Norfolk	01/01/1969	2019	P	V	A B M D
Northern Virginia Community College	Annandale	01/01/1968	2022	P	I	A
Old Dominion University	Norfolk	01/01/1961	2023	P	VI	B M E S D
Patrick Henry Community College	Martinsville	01/01/1972	2018	P	I	A
Paul D. Camp Community College	Franklin	01/01/1973	2019	P	I	A
Piedmont Virginia Community College	Charlottesville	01/01/1974	2020	P	I	A
Radford University	Radford	01/01/1928	2023	P	V	B M E S D
Randolph College	Lynchburg	01/01/1902	2021	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Randolph-Macon College	Ashland	01/01/1904	2018	Pr, NFP	II	B
Rappahannock Community College	Glenns	01/01/1973	2019	P	I	A
Regent University	Virginia Beach	01/01/1984	2019	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Richard Bland College	South Prince George	01/01/1961	2019	P	I	A
Roanoke College	Salem	01/01/1927	2022	Pr, NFP	II	B
Shenandoah University	Winchester	01/01/1973	2019	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Southern Virginia University	Buena Vista	01/01/2012	2027	Pr, NFP	II	B
Southside Virginia Community College	Alberta	01/01/1972	2018	P	I	A
Southwest Virginia Community College	Cedar Bluff	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A
Sweet Briar College	Sweet Briar	01/01/1920	2021	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Thomas Nelson Community College	Hampton	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A
Tidewater Community College	Norfolk	01/01/1971	2027	P	I	A
Union Presbyterian Seminary	Richmond	01/01/1997	2022	Pr, NFP	V	M D
University of Mary Washington	Fredericksburg	01/01/1930	2023	P	III	B M
University of Richmond	Richmond	01/01/1910	2018	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
University of Virginia	Charlottesville	01/01/1904	2027	P	VI	B M E S D
The University of Virginia's College at Wise	Wise	01/01/1970	2026	P	II	B
Virginia Commonwealth University	Richmond	01/01/1953	2024	P	VI	A B M D
Virginia Highlands Community College	Abingdon	01/01/1972	2018	P	I	A

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Virginia Military Institute	Lexington	01/01/1926	2027	P	II	B
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Blacksburg	01/01/1923	2019	P	VI	A B M D
Virginia State University	Petersburg	01/01/1933	2018	P	V	B M D
Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine	Roanoke	01/01/2014	2019	Pr, NFP	V	D
Virginia Union University	Richmond	01/01/1935	2020	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Virginia Wesleyan University	Virginia Beach	01/01/1970	2026	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Virginia Western Community College	Roanoke	01/01/1969	2024	P	I	A
Washington and Lee University	Lexington	01/01/1895	2019	Pr, NFP	V	B D
Wytheville Community College	Wytheville	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A

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The American University in Dubai	United Arab Emirates	01/01/2007	2022	Pr, FP	III	B M
Fundacion Universidad de las Americas Puebla	Mexico	01/01/1959	2025	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
INCAE Business School (Formerly Instituto Centroamericano de Administracion de Empresas)	Costa Rica	01/01/1994	2019	Pr, NFP	III	M
Instituto Tecnologico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey	Mexico	01/01/1950	2018	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
Universidad de las Americas–A.C.	Mexico	01/01/1991	2027	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Universidad de Monterrey	Mexico	01/01/2001	2026	Pr, NFP	III	B M

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Financial Statements and  
Independent Auditor's Report:  
June 30, 2017

\$ 10,358  
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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, 2017, 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**

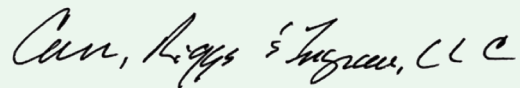
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about 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 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc. as of June 30, 2017, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, LLC

Atlanta, Georgia  
October 9, 2017

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

*June 30, 2017*

<b>Assets</b>	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,076,608
Investments	6,830,127
Receivables	
Accreditation visitations	143,936
Other	96,756
	240,692
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	20,000
	220,692
Current portion, litigation settlements, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$225,066	345,058
Other current assets	307,380
	12,779,865
Total current assets	12,779,865
Property and equipment, net	3,442,479
Other assets	
Website development costs	134,472
Litigation settlements, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$99,500, less current portion	99,500
Due from related parties	19,304
Investments - deferred compensation	580,542
	833,818
Total assets	\$ 17,056,162

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

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

*June 30, 2017*

**Liabilities and Net Assets**

Current liabilities

Accounts payable - trade	\$ 189,792
Accrued expenses	485,866
Deferred revenue	
Membership dues	3,614,627
Other	1,661,990
Current portion due to related party - post retirement benefit obligation	166,654
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Total current liabilities	6,118,929
Deferred compensation	580,542
Due to related party - post-retirement benefit obligation, less current portion	2,620,097
Commitments and contingencies	-
Total net assets, unrestricted	7,736,594
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Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 17,056,162

*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, 2017*

<b>Revenues and support</b>	
Membership dues	\$ 6,614,686
Registration fees and exhibits	3,788,788
Application and special fees	984,865
Dividend and interest income	161,121
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	556,796
Other income	136,295
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Total revenues and support	12,242,551
<b>Expenses for accreditation and supporting services</b>	
Employee compensation and benefits	7,465,362
General and administrative	3,203,124
Meetings, workshops and seminars	1,284,416
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Total expenses for accreditation and supporting services	11,952,902
<b>Change in net assets, unrestricted</b>	289,649
<b>Net assets, unrestricted at June 30, 2016</b>	7,446,945
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<b>Net assets, unrestricted at June 30, 2017</b>	<b>\$ 7,736,594</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 Cash Flows**

*Year ended June 30, 2017*

<b>Operating activities</b>	
Change in net assets	\$ 289,649
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities	
Provision (recovery) for doubtful accounts	(109,996)
Depreciation and amortization	191,190
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	6,213
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	(556,796)
(Increase) decrease in assets and increase (decrease) in liabilities	
Receivables	220,183
Litigation settlements	100,000
Due to/from related parties	324,034
Other current assets	(8,139)
Accounts payable - trade	(80,421)
Accrued expenses	10,717
Deferred revenue	425,079
Net cash provided by operating activities	811,713
<b>Investing activities</b>	
Capital expenditures	(98,599)
Net purchases of investments	(156,065)
Net cash used in investing activities	(254,664)
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>557,049</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2016</b>	<b>4,519,559</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2017</b>	<b>\$ 5,076,608</b>

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

There were no non-cash investing and financing activities during the year ended June 30, 2017.

*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 \$1,500 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.



**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc.**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**

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

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

The components of property and equipment at June 30, 2017, are as follows:

Class of Asset	Estimated Useful Lives (years)	
Building	25	\$ 2,769,875
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	3-10	1,747,250
		4,517,125
Less accumulated depreciation		2,324,646
		2,192,479
Land		1,250,000
		\$ 3,442,479

***Website Development Costs***

Website development costs relate to a system developed by the Commission to support the production of webinars. The system allows 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, 2017:

Web-based training modules	\$ 128,808
Software and hardware	28,076
	156,884
Accumulated amortization	22,412
	\$ 134,472

***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.

## Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc. Notes to Financial Statements

### 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, 2017, are recorded at fair 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.

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.

**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc.**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**

**NOTE 2: INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

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 \$6,830,127 as of June 30, 2017.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, investments at fair value as of June 30, 2017:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Publicly traded commons stocks	\$ 4,500,530	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,500,530
Fixed income - bonds and bond mutual funds	1,575,901	-	-	1,575,901
Alternative strategies - publicly traded mutual funds	180,400	-	-	180,400
Publicly traded real estate investment trusts	374,119	-	-	374,119
Exchange traded fund	199,177	-	-	199,177
	<u>\$ 6,830,127</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,830,127</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.

**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, 2017, the Commission has recognized the settlement award as a note receivable in the amount of \$200,000, net of an estimated allowance for doubtful accounts of approximately \$100,000.

## Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc. Notes to Financial Statements

### **NOTE 3: LITIGATION SETTLEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

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, 2017, the Commission has recognized the settlement award as a note receivable in the amount of \$299,000, net of an estimated allowance for doubtful accounts of approximately \$149,500. During the year ended June 30, 2017, the member did not make the scheduled annual payment. The Commission believes the estimated allowance for doubtful accounts is adequate coverage for any potential uncollected balance.

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, 2017, the Commission has recognized the settlement award as a note receivable in the amount of \$270,124, net of an estimated allowance for doubtful accounts of approximately \$75,000.

### **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, 2017, was approximately \$633,000.

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.

**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc.**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**

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

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 56% 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 \$154,000 to pay benefits during the year ended June 30, 2017.

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, 2017, is as follows:

	Total Plan	Commission Portion
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 4,025,686	\$ 2,446,986
Service cost	31,370	17,428
Interest cost	147,603	82,002
Actuarial loss	1,089,031	394,523
Benefits paid	(277,539)	(154,188)
<b>Benefit obligation at end of year</b>	<b>\$ 5,016,151</b>	<b>\$ 2,786,751</b>

The change in the Plan's assets for the Plan for the year ended June 30, 2017, is as follows:

	Total Plan	Commission Portion
Plan assets at beginning of year	\$ -	\$ -
Employer contributions	277,539	154,188
Benefits paid	(277,539)	(154,188)
<b>Plan assets at year end</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Amounts recognized in the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2017, are as follows:

	Total Plan	Commission Portion
Current liabilities	\$ (299,977)	\$ (166,654)
Noncurrent liabilities	(4,716,174)	(2,620,097)
<b>Funded status</b>	<b>\$ (5,016,151)</b>	<b>\$ (2,786,751)</b>

**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc.**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**

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

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

Amounts recognized in net assets:

	Total Plan	Commission Portion
Net actuarial loss	\$ 2,422,901	\$ 1,346,056
Accumulated change in net assets	\$ 2,422,901	\$ 1,346,056

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

Net Periodic Benefit Cost:

	Total Plan	Commission Portion
Service cost	\$ 31,370	\$ 17,428
Interest cost	147,603	82,002
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 178,973	\$ 99,430

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

	Total Plan	Commission Portion
Actuarial loss	\$ 1,089,031	\$ 394,523
Net periodic benefit cost	178,973	99,430
Total recognized in net periodic benefit cost and net assets:	\$ 1,268,004	\$ 493,953

***Weighted Average Assumptions***

For disclosure as of June 30, 2017:

Discount rate	3.51%
Medical trend rate	6.75% grades to 4.50% over 9 years

For measuring net periodic cost at the beginning of year:

Discount rate	3.50%
Medical trend rate	6.75% grades to 4.50% over 10 years

**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc.**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**

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

The Commission, CTECS and AdvancED expect to contribute a combined \$305,000 to the postretirement benefit plan from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

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:

<i>Year ending June 30,</i>	Total Plan	Commission Portion
2018	\$ 305,000	\$ 169,000
2019	312,000	173,000
2020	316,000	176,000
2021	320,000	178,000
2022	323,000	179,000
2023-2027	1,561,000	867,000
	\$ 3,137,000	\$ 1,742,000

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, 2017, would have increased by approximately \$443,000. The aggregate of the service and interest cost for the total plan for the year ended June 30, 2017, would have increased by approximately \$16,000. 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, 2017 would have decreased by approximately \$373,000. The aggregate of the service and interest cost for the total plan for the year ended June 30, 2017, would have decreased by approximately \$13,000.

**NOTE 5: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

The Commission leases certain vehicles and equipment under non-cancelable lease agreements expiring at various dates through June 2020. The leases are classified as operating leases in accordance with FASB ASC 840, *Leases*. Rent expense was approximately \$78,000 for the year ended June 30, 2017. The future minimum lease payments required under the non-cancelable operating leases are as follows:

<i>Year ending June 30,</i>	
2018	\$ 68,000
2019	28,000
2020	14,000
	\$ 110,000

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

### **Notes to Financial Statements**

#### **NOTE 5: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (CONTINUED)**

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, 2017, the investments – deferred compensation consist primarily of mutual funds and are presented at fair value based on Level 1 measurements.

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

The Commission has an agreement with an insurance carrier whereby the Commission's group health insurance are partially self-insured. Under the agreement, the Commission funds 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, 2017, the Commission had no unfunded liability for submitted claims. Claims for occurrences prior to June 30, 2017, were unknown at that date and are estimated to be insignificant.

As discussed in Note 4, the Commission 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, 2017, has been recorded by SACS.

The Commission's portion of the obligation in the amount of \$2,446,986 has been recognized as due to related party - post retirement benefit obligation in the accompanying statement of financial position.



## Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc. Notes to Financial Statements

### **NOTE 7: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)**

During the year ended June 30, 2017, the Commission charged CTECS \$50,000 for the use of business administration personnel and office space. At June 30, 2017, the Commission had a receivable of approximately \$4,000 due from CTECS for various operating expenses paid by the Commission on behalf of CTECS.

The Commission, with AdvancEd, jointly funds SACS retiree's portion of the health care insurance benefit through a contribution to SACS. While the Commission is not legally obligated to fund this benefit of SACS, management plans to continue funding 50% of the SACS retirees health care insurance benefits for the foreseeable future. The Commission's portion of SACS benefit amounted to approximately \$35,000 for the year ended June 30, 2017.

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

Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 9, 2017, which is the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.



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