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Mr. Charles R. DeMott  
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Dear Mr. DeMott:

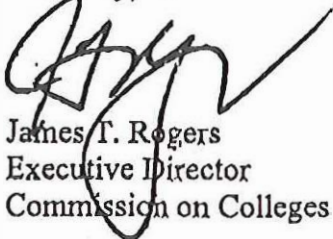
The following action regarding your institution was taken at the December 1997 meeting of the Commission on Colleges:

Initial membership with the Commission on Colleges. Accreditation is retroactive to January 1, 1997. The institution will be required to complete a self-study and receive a committee in anticipation of reaffirmation of accreditation in 2002.

The institution should be aware of the COC's "Substantive Change" reporting/approval criteria, especially as it relates to future transfer programs and articulation agreements.

We appreciate your continued support of the activities of the Commission on Colleges. If you have questions, please contact the staff member assigned to your institution.

Sincerely,



James T. Rogers  
Executive Director  
Commission on Colleges

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cc: Dr. Gerald D. Lord

## REPORT ON ACCREDITATION ACTIONS TAKEN DECEMBER 8, 1997

At its meeting on December 8, 1997, the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools took the following actions regarding the accreditation status of institutions:

**The following institutions were recorded as having satisfactorily completed the institutional self-study program and having their accreditation reaffirmed:**

### Level I

Alabama Aviation and Technical College, Ozark, Alabama  
(As part of George C. Wallace State Community College, Dothan)  
Central Carolina Community College, Sanford, North Carolina  
Coastal Carolina Community College, Jacksonville, North Carolina  
Germanna Community College, Locust Grove, Virginia  
Jones County Junior College, Ellisville, Mississippi  
Keiser College, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida  
Lurleen B. Wallace Junior College, Andalusia, Alabama  
Mississippi Delta Community College, Moorhead, Mississippi  
Mitchell Community College, Statesville, North Carolina  
Nashville State Technical Institute, Nashville, Tennessee  
New River Community College, Dublin, Virginia  
Northwest Mississippi Community College, Senatobia, Mississippi  
Nunez Community College, Chalmette, Louisiana  
Patrick Henry Community College, Martinsville, Virginia  
Pensacola Junior College, Pensacola, Florida  
Piedmont Technical College, Greenwood, South Carolina  
Savannah Tech, Savannah, Georgia  
South Georgia College, Douglas, Georgia  
Southside Virginia Community College, Alberta, Virginia  
Walters State Community College, Morristown, Tennessee

### Levels II-VI

Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina  
Belhaven College, Jackson, Mississippi  
Centenary College of Louisiana, Shreveport, Louisiana  
Emmanuel College, Franklin Springs, Georgia  
Florida Baptist Theological College, Graceville, Florida  
Francis Marion University, Florence, South Carolina  
Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas  
Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, Virginia  
Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee  
Paul Quinn College, Dallas, Texas  
Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Virginia  
Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas  
Universidad de Las Americas, Mexico City, Mexico  
University of Houston-University Park, Houston, Texas  
University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky  
University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida  
University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas  
Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, Virginia  
Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Webber College, Babson Park, Florida

**The following institution was removed from Probation and its accreditation reaffirmed:**

Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia

**The following institutions were granted initial membership:**

Ayers State Technical College, Anniston, Alabama  
Thomas Technical Institute, Thomasville, Georgia  
Walker Technical Institute, Rock Springs, Georgia

**The following institutions were granted initial candidacy:**

Baptist Memorial College of Health Science, Memphis, Tennessee  
Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, Florida  
Marine Corps University, Quantico, Virginia  
School of Advanced Airpower Studies, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama  
Texas College, Tyler, Texas

**The following institution had its candidacy continued for a two-year period:**

Roanoke Bible College, Elizabeth City, North Carolina

**The following member institutions were granted accreditation at a more advanced degree level:**

Lynn University, Boca Raton, Florida  
Moved from Level III to Level V (Ph.D. in Global Educational Leadership)  
Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina  
Moved from Level II to Level III (Master of Divinity)  
University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Texas  
Moved from Level III to Level V (Ph.D. in Education)

**The following member institution was granted continued candidacy for accreditation at a more advanced degree level:**

Belhaven College, Jackson, Mississippi  
(Candidacy at Level III to offer the Master in Business Administration)

**The following institutions were continued in accreditation following review of substantive change:**

- Christendom College, Front Royal, Virginia  
(Review of merger of Christendom College and Notre Dame Institute; institution now classified as Level III)
- Florida Memorial College, Miami, Florida  
(Review of expansion of undergraduate programs to include Marketing, Management Information Systems, Communications, International Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies, Chemistry, Music, Exceptional Student Education, Criminal Justice, and Education.)
- Germanna Community College, Locust Grove, Virginia  
(Review of new campus in Fredericksburg, Virginia)
- Jones County Junior College, Ellisville, Mississippi  
(Review of Fire Protection Program offered at Meridian Community College via compressed video)
- Lee University, Cleveland, Tennessee  
(Review of Master of Education program)
- North Harris Montgomery Community College District, Houston, Texas  
(Review of Montgomery branch campus)
- Saint Leo College, Saint Leo, Florida  
(Review of Master of Education program in Leadership Studies)
- Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas  
(Review of Ph.D. in Geography)
- South Carolina Technical Colleges  
(Review of distance learning programs offered at the following institutions: Florence-Darlington Technical College, Greenville Technical College, Midlands Technical College, Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College, Williamsburg Technical College, Aiken Technical College, Central Carolina Technical College, Piedmont Technical College, Tri-County Technical College, Spartanburg Technical College, Chesterfield-Marlboro Technical College, Denmark Technical College, York Technical College, Technical College of the Lowcountry, Horry-Georgetown Technical College and Trident Technical College)
- Sullivan College, Louisville, Kentucky  
(Review of membership at Level III, Master of Business Administration)
- University of North Texas, Denton, Texas  
(Review of M.S. in Sociology offered at Yerushalayan College in Jerusalem, Israel)
- University of Alabama Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama  
(Review of the Master of Education in Leadership and the Master of Education in Counseling offered at Orot Israel College and Haifa Regional Center for Education in Haifa, Israel)

**The following institutions were granted approval of substantive change:**

- University of Kentucky Community Colleges  
(Approval of change of governance from the University of Kentucky Community College System to that of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System to include the following: Ashland Community College, Elizabethtown Community College, Hazard Community College, Henderson Community College, Hopkinsville Community College, Jefferson Community College, Madisonville Community College, Maysville Community College, Owensboro Community College, Paducah Community College, Prestonsburg Community College, Somerset Community College, and Southeast Community College)
- University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky  
(Approval of the following distance learning programs and sites: Master of Business Administration program offered at Hong Kong, Athens, San Salvador, Singapore and The Hague; the Master of Science in Computer Science program offered at Cairo and San Salvador; the Master of Science in Industrial Engineering program offered at Athens and Singapore; and the Master of Education program offered at San Salvador. Also, approval of the following courses offered through distance learning instruction: satellite delivered courses; the Kentucky telelinking network/compressed video)

courses; telecourses; courses offered through the Council on Postsecondary Education Telecommunication Consortium; and world wide web courses. Finally, approved proposal for a joint Ph.D. degree in Social Work offered with the University of Kentucky; the Teacher Preparation program in Visual Impairment; and courses offered at Ft. Knox, Kentucky.)

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

South College, Savannah, Georgia  
(Merger with Draughton's Junior College in Montgomery, Alabama)

**The following institutions were removed from Warning:**

Bevill State Community College, Sumiton, Alabama  
Holmes Community College, Goodman, Mississippi  
Shelton State Community College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama  
Texarkana College, Texarkana, Texas  
Wake Technical Community College, Raleigh, North Carolina

**NEGATIVE ACTIONS:**

**The following institution was denied authorization of a Candidacy Committee visit:**

Northwest Vista College, San Antonio, Texas  
For failure to comply with *Criteria* Section 1.4 (Conditions of Eligibility Four, Eight, and Ten).

**The following institutions were continued in accreditation and placed on Warning:**

Hillsborough Community College, Tampa, Florida  
For six months for failure to comply with *Criteria* Section 1.4 (Condition of Eligibility Eleven); Section 3.1 (Planning and Evaluation: Educational Programs); Section 3.2 (Planning and Evaluation: Administrative and Educational Support Services); Section 4.2.1 (Undergraduate Admission); Section 4.5 (Distance Learning Programs); Section 4.8.10 (Criteria and Procedures for Evaluation); Section 5.1.1 (Library and Other Learning Resources: Purpose and Scope); Section 5.3 (Information Technology Resources and Systems); Section 5.4.1 (Student Development Services: Scope and Accountability); Section 6.1.2 (Governing Board); Section 6.1.5 (Administrative Organization); and Section 6.5 (Externally Funded Grants and Contracts).

Louisburg College, Louisburg, North Carolina  
For twelve months for failure to comply with *Criteria* Section 1.4 (Condition of Eligibility Thirteen).

Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education  
Richmond, Virginia

For twelve months for failure to comply with *Criteria* Section 1.4 (Condition of Eligibility Eight); Section 3.1 (Planning and Evaluation: Educational Programs); Section 3.2 (Planning and Evaluation: Administrative and Educational Support Services); and Section 3.3 (Institutional Research).

**The following institution was continued in accreditation and denied approval of substantive change:**

Thomas College, Thomasville, Georgia  
Denied membership at Level III (Master in Business Administration) for failure to comply with *Criteria* Section 4.3.1 (Educational Program: Initiation and Expansion of Graduate Programs).

**The following institution was denied reaffirmation of accreditation, continued in accreditation for good cause, and placed on Probation:**

Averett College, Danville, Virginia

Denied reaffirmation, continued in accreditation for good cause, and placed on Probation for six months for failure to comply with *Criteria* Section 4.8.2.2 (Academic and Professional Preparation-Baccalaureate) and Section 4.8.2.3 (Academic and Professional Preparation-Graduate).

**The following institution was denied reaffirmation, continued in accreditation for good cause, and continued on probation:**

East Coast Bible College, Charlotte, North Carolina:

Denied reaffirmation, continued in accreditation for good cause, and continued on Probation for twelve months for failure to comply with *Criteria* Section 1.4 (Condition of Eligibility Eight); Section 3.1 (Planning and Evaluation: Educational Programs); Section 3.2 (Planning and Evaluation: Administrative and Educational Support Services); Section 4.8.2.2 (Academic and Professional Preparation-Baccalaureate); and Section 6.3.1 (Financial Resources).

**The following institutions were continued in accreditation for good cause and placed on Probation:**

Fundacion Universidad de Las Americas-Puebla, Puebla, MEXICO

Continued in accreditation for good cause and placed on Probation for twelve months for failure to comply with *Criteria* Section 4.8.2.2 (Academic and Professional Preparation-Baccalaureate); and Section 4.8.3 (Part-Time Faculty).

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia

Continued in accreditation for good cause and placed on Probation for twelve months for failure to comply with *Criteria* Section 3.1 (Planning and Evaluation: Educational Programs).

Saint Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, North Carolina

Continued in accreditation for good cause and placed on Probation for twelve months for failure to comply with *Criteria* Section 1.4 (Condition of Eligibility Thirteen) and Section 6.3.1 (Financial Resources).

**The following institutions were continued in accreditation for good cause and continued on Probation:**

University of Mobile, Mobile, Alabama

Continued in accreditation for good cause and continued on Probation for twelve months for failure to comply with *Criteria* Section 1.4 (Condition of Eligibility Thirteen); Section 6.3.1 (Financial Resources); and Section 6.3.6 (Financial Resources: Accounting, Reporting and Auditing).

Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Florida

Continued in accreditation for good cause and continued on Probation for twelve months for failure to comply with *Criteria* Section 1.4 (Condition of Eligibility Thirteen); Section 3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: Planning and Evaluation: Educational Programs); Section 3.2 (Institutional Effectiveness: Planning and Evaluation: Administrative and Educational Support Services); Section 4.2.3 (Educational Program: Undergraduate Curriculum); Section 4.8.2.2 (Educational Program: Faculty: Academic and Professional Preparation: Baccalaureate); Section 5.1.1 (Educational Support Services: Library and Other Learning Resources: Purpose and Scope); Section 6.1.2 (Administrative Processes: Governing Board); and Section 6.3 (Administrative Processes: Financial Resources).

**The following institution was removed from membership:**

The Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Nigeria, Africa  
Suspended accreditation for failure to comply with *Criteria* Section 1.1 (Institutional Commitment and Responsibilities in the Accreditation Process) as applies to the Commission's ability to conduct a peer assessment of institutional strengths and weaknesses.

In addition, the Commission placed eleven institutions on Notice (a private warning notification), continued one institution on Notice, and removed twenty-two institutions from Notice.

**ACTIVITIES OF INSTITUTIONS  
NOT REQUIRING COMMISSION ACTIONS**

Houston Graduate School of Theology, Houston, Texas  
Effective July 10, 1997, the institution withdrew its membership with the Commission on Colleges.

**Name Changes**

American College/American Global University (Atlanta, Georgia) is now called American Intercontinental University

El Paso Community College (El Paso, Texas) is now called El Paso County Community College District

Incarnate Word College (San Antonio, Texas) is now called University of the Incarnate Word

Montreat-Anderson College (Montreat, North Carolina) is now called Montreat College