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Dr. Freida H. Hill
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Dear Dr. Hill:

The following action regarding your institution was taken at the December 2002 meeting of the Commission on Colleges:

The Commission reaffirmed accreditation. No follow-up report was requested.

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. Rudolph S. Jackson

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

Actions Taken December 9, 2002

At its meeting on December 9, 2002, the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools took the following actions regarding the accreditation status of those institutions scheduled for review:

The Commission reaffirmed the accreditation of the following institutions:

American InterContinental University, Atlanta, Georgia
Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas
Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina
Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah, Georgia
Atlanta College of Art, Atlanta, Georgia
Ayers State Technical College, Anniston, Alabama
Bladen Community College, Dublin, North Carolina
Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina
Davidson County Community College, Lexington, North Carolina
DeKalb Technical College, Clarkston, Georgia
East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina
East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee
Elon University, Elon, North Carolina
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida
Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida
Florida Memorial College, Miami, Florida
Florida National College, Hialeah, Florida
Gadsden State Community College, Gadsden, Alabama
George C. Wallace Community College, Dothan, Alabama
Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky
Georgia Perimeter College, Decatur, Georgia
Greenville Technical College, Greenville, South Carolina
Houston Community College, Houston, Texas
Institute of Paper Science and Technology, Atlanta, Georgia
James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia
John Tyler Community College, Chester, Virginia
Johnston Community College, Smithfield, North Carolina
LaGrange College, LaGrange, Georgia
Lane College, Jackson, Tennessee
Lawson State Community College, Birmingham, Alabama
Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, North Carolina
McLennan Community College, Waco, Texas
Memphis College of Art, Memphis, Tennessee
Mid-Continent College, Mayfield, Kentucky

Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas
Milligan College, Milligan College, Tennessee
Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi
Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi
Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, Mississippi
Morris College, Sumter, South Carolina
Newberry College, Newberry, South Carolina
Northeast Texas Community College, Mt. Pleasant, Texas
Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale, Virginia
Odessa College, Odessa, Texas
Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia
Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas
Palo Alto College, San Antonio, Texas
Pamlico Community College, Grantsboro, North Carolina
Paris Junior College, Paris, Texas
Pellissippi State Technical Community College, Knoxville, Tennessee
Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer, North Carolina
Piedmont Community College, Roxboro, North Carolina
Pikeville College, Pikeville, Kentucky
Radford University, Radford, Virginia
Ranger College, Ranger, Texas
Richland College, Dallas, Texas
Roanoke-Chowan Community College, Ahoskie, North Carolina
Santa Fe Community College, Gainesville, Florida
Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina
Shorter College, Rome, Georgia
South Florida Community College, Avon Park, Florida
Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, Tennessee
Southwest Georgia Technical College, Thomasville, Georgia
Southwestern Assemblies of God University, Waxahachie, Texas
Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas
Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas
Texas A & M University System Health Science Center, Bryan, Texas
Transylvania University, Lexington, Kentucky
Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond,
Virginia
University of Houston-Clear Lake, Houston, Texas
University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky
University of North Alabama, Florence, Alabama
University of North Carolina at Asheville, Asheville, North Carolina
University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, North Carolina
University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Wilmington, North Carolina
University of Tennessee at Martin, Martin, Tennessee
University of West Alabama, Livingston, Alabama
Williamsburg Technical College, Kingstree, South Carolina

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

Brewton-Parker College, Mount Vernon, Georgia
The Criswell College, Dallas, Texas
Ferrum College, Ferrum, Virginia
Huston-Tillotson College, Austin, Texas
Jefferson Community College, Louisville, Kentucky
North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, North Carolina
St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, North Carolina
Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, Florida
Thomas More College, Crestview Hills, Kentucky
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, Tennessee

The Commission granted initial accreditation to the following institution:

Texas State Technical College-Marshall, Marshall, Texas

The Commission granted initial candidacy to the following institution:

Baton Rouge Community College, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The Commission authorized a candidacy committee for the following institution:

Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing, Hyden, Kentucky

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

Alabama State University, Montgomery, Alabama
Moved from Level IV to V, offering the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership, Policy, and Law

Louisiana State University at Alexandria, Alexandria, Louisiana
Moved from Level I to II, offering the Bachelor of Science in Biology, Bachelor of General Studies, Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, and the Bachelor of Liberal Studies.

Miami-Dade Community College, Miami, Florida
Moved from Level I to II, offering the Bachelor of Science in Secondary Science, in Secondary Mathematics Education, and in Exceptional Student Education.

South University, Savannah, Georgia
Moved from Level III to V, offering the Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

Truett-McConnell College, Cleveland, Georgia
Moved from Level I to II, offering the Bachelor of Arts in Music.

University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Wilmington, North Carolina
Moved from Level III to Level V, offering the Ph.D. in Marine Biology.

The Commission approved the following substantive changes:

American InterContinental University, Atlanta, Georgia
Approved American InterContinental On-Line as a separate campus.

Barry University, Miami Shores, Florida

Approved agreement with St. George's University School of Medicine and School of Veterinary Medicine in Grenada.

Houston Community College, Houston, Texas

Approved a contractual agreement with Saigon Institute of Information Technology.

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

Ashland Community College, Ashland, Kentucky

Acceptance of prospectus for the consolidation/merger of Ashland Community College and Ashland Technical College.

Paducah Community College, Paducah, Kentucky

Acceptance of prospectus for the consolidation/merger of Paducah Community College and West Kentucky Technical College.

Prestonsburg Community College, Prestonsburg, Kentucky

Acceptance of prospectus for the consolidation/merger of Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College.

The Commission continued accreditation of the following institutions after reviewing their substantive changes:

Church of God Theological Seminary, Cleveland, Tennessee

Review of membership at Level V, offering the Doctor of Ministry degree

King College, Bristol, Tennessee

Review of membership at Level III, offering the MBA

Methodist College, Fayetteville, North Carolina

Review of membership at Level III, offering the Master of Medical Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies

South College, Knoxville, Tennessee

Review of membership at Level II, offering the Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies

Troy State University, Troy, Alabama

Review of the following program sites: (1) the Master of Science in Management and the Master of Science in International Relations offered at Malmstrom AFB, Great Falls, Montana; (2) the Master of Science in Management offered at Ft. Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado; (3) Dual Credit Program with the option of the Associate of Arts degree offered at University School in Ft. Walton, Florida; (4) expansion of programs at Orlando, Florida, to include the Master of Science in Counseling and Psychology, Master of Science in Management, Master of Science in Human Resource Management, and the Master of Public Administration; and (5) the expansion of programs offered in the Pacific Region to include the Master of Science in Management, Master of Education, Master of Public Administration, and the Master of Science in International Relations. The following sites were reviewed: Kadena AFB in Okinawa; Yongsan Army Garrison in Seoul, Korea; Yokosuka Naval Base in Yokosuka, Japan; and off-site reviews of Osan AFB in Korea and Camp Zama in Japan.

University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas
Review of agreement to offer upper-division course work in Criminology and Criminal Justice at McLennan Community College
Warner Southern College, Lake Wales, Florida
Review of membership at Level III, offering the Master of Business Administration

The Commission removed the following institutions from Warning:

Alabama State University, Montgomery, Alabama
Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky
Barber-Scotia College, Concord, North Carolina
St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, North Carolina
South College, Knoxville, Tennessee
Southwest Tennessee Community College, Memphis, Tennessee
University of Louisiana at Monroe, Monroe, Louisiana

The Commission removed the following institutions from Probation:

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia
Martin Methodist College, Pulaski, Tennessee
Union College, Barbourville, Kentucky

Negative Actions

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

Austin Graduate School of Theology, Austin, Texas
For twelve months for failure to comply with the following sections of the *Criteria*:
Section 1.4 (Conditions of Eligibility Six and Eight), and
Section 3.1 (Planning and Evaluation: Education Programs).

Christendom College, Front Royal, Virginia
For twelve months for failure to comply with *Criteria* Section 1.4 (Condition of Eligibility Eight).

Florida Keys Community College, Key West, Florida
For twelve months for failure to comply with the following sections of the *Criteria*:
Section 1.4 (Condition of Eligibility Eight), and Section 3.1 (Planning and Evaluation: Educational Programs).

Warner Southern College, Lake Wales, Florida
For twelve months for failure to comply with the following sections of the *Criteria*:
Section 3.1 (Planning and Evaluation: Educational Programs), Section 3.2 (Planning and Evaluation: Administrative and Educational Support Services), Section 3.3 (Institutional Research), Section 4.3.4 (Graduate Curriculum), Section 4.3.5 (Graduate Instruction), Section 4.8.2.2 (Faculty, Academic and Professional Preparation, Baccalaureate), Section 4.8.2.3 (Faculty, Academic and Professional

Preparation, Graduate), 4.8.3 (Part-Time Faculty), Section 4.8.9 (Faculty Loads), and Section 6.3.1 (Financial Resources).

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

Crichton College, Memphis, Tennessee

For twelve months for failure to comply with the following sections of the *Criteria*: Section 3.1 (Planning and Evaluation: Educational Programs), Section 4.8.3 (Part-Time Faculty), and Section 6.3.1 (Financial Resources).

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

Life University, Marietta, Georgia

For twelve months for failure to comply with the following sections of the *Criteria*: Section 1.4 (Condition of Eligibility Thirteen); Section II (Institutional Purpose), Section 3.1 (Planning and Evaluation: Educational Programs), Section 3.2 (Planning and Evaluation: Administrative and Educational Support Services), Section 4.2.4 (Undergraduate Instruction), Section 4.3.5 (Graduate Instruction), Section 4.6 (Continuing Education, Outreach and Service Programs), Section 6.1.2 (Governing Board), and Section 6.3.1 (Financial Resources).

The Commission placed the following institutions on Warning:

Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia

For twelve months for failure to comply with the following sections of the *Criteria*: Section 4.8.2.3 (Academic and Professional Preparation - Graduate), Section 4.9 (Consortial Relationships and Contractual Agreements), Section 5.1 (Library and Other Learning Resources), and Section 5.2 (Instructional Support).

Savannah Technical College, Savannah, Georgia

For twelve months for failure to comply with *Criteria* Section 4.8.2.1 (Academic and Professional Preparation: Associate)

Wake Technical Community College, Raleigh, North Carolina

For twelve months for failure to comply with *Criteria* Section 4.8.2.1 (Academic and Professional Preparation: Associate)

The Commission denied reaffirmation of accreditation, continued accreditation for good cause, and continued the following on Probation:

Grambling State University, Grambling, Louisiana

For twelve months for failure to comply with *Criteria* Section 6.3.1 (Financial Resources).

Tusculum College, Greeneville, Tennessee

For twelve months for failure to comply with the following sections of the *Criteria*: Section 3.1 (Planning and Evaluation: Educational Programs), Section 3.2 (Planning and Evaluation: Administrative Educational Support Services), Section 4.8.2 (Academic and Professional Preparation), and Section 4.8.2.3 (Academic and Professional Preparation: Graduate Faculty).

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

Hiwassee College, Madisonville, Tennessee

For twelve months for failure to comply with the following sections of the *Criteria*: Section 1.4 (Condition of Eligibility Thirteen), Section II (Institutional Purpose), and Section 6.3.1 (Financial Resources).

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

Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina

For twelve months for failure to comply with *Criteria* Section 6.3.1 (Financial Resources).

McMurry University, Abilene, Texas

For twelve months for failure to comply with *Criteria* Section 6.3.1 (Financial Resources).

Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama

For twelve months for failure to comply with the following sections of the *Criteria*: Section 1.4 (Condition of Eligibility Thirteen), and Section 6.3.1 (Financial Resources).

Appealable Decisions/Adverse Actions

On December 9, 2002, the Commission on Colleges voted to terminate the accreditation of the institutions listed below. In accord with Commission policy, each institution was informed of this decision in writing and was given a period of 10 days following notification to appeal the decision. On January 6, 2003, the Commission received notice of appeal from each institution. For both cases, the Appeals Committee upheld the decisions of the Commission.

Mary Holmes College, West Point, Mississippi

Action taken for failure to comply with the following sections of the *Criteria*: Section 1.4 (Condition of Eligibility Thirteen), and Section 6.3.1 (Financial Resources). Effective date of termination of accreditation following the decision of the Appeals Committee is April 1, 2003.

Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Georgia

Action taken for failure to comply with the following sections of the *Criteria*: Section 1.4 (Conditions of Eligibility Three, Eight, Twelve, and Thirteen), Section 3.1 (Planning and Evaluation: Educational Programs), Section 3.2 (Planning and Evaluation:

Administrative and Educational Support Services), Section 3.3 (Institutional Research), Section 4.7 (Student Records), Section 5.4.3.5 (Student Financial Aid), Section 6.1.2 (Governing Board), Section 6.3.1 (Financial Resources), Section 6.3.3 (Budget Planning), Section 6.3.4 (Budget Control), Section 6.3.6 (Accounting, Reporting and Auditing), Section 6.4.4 (Facilities Master Plan), and Section 6.6 (Related Corporate Entities). Effective date of termination of accreditation following the decision of the Appeals Committee is April 2, 2003.

Additional Information

The Commission placed 15 institutions on Notice and removed 15 institutions from Notice.