



Team Visit
Oct. 24-27, 2011

July 11, 2012

Dr. Craig R. Wentworth
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Southwest Georgia Technical College
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Dear Dr. Wentworth:

The following action regarding your institution was taken at the June 2012 meeting of the Board of Trustees of SACS Commission on Colleges:

The Commission on Colleges reaffirmed accreditation. No additional report was requested. Your institution's next reaffirmation will take place in **2022** unless otherwise notified.

Please submit to your Commission staff member a **one-page** executive summary of your institution's Quality Enhancement Plan. The summary is due **August 15, 2012**, and also should include: (1) the title of your Quality Enhancement Plan, (2) your institution's name, and (3) the name, title, and email address of an individual who can be contacted regarding its development or implementation. This summary will be posted to the Commission's Web site as a resource for other institutions undergoing the reaffirmation process.

All institutions are requested to submit an "Impact Report of the Quality Enhancement Plan on Student Learning" as part of their "Fifth-Year Interim Report" due five years before their next reaffirmation review. Institutions will be notified 11 months in advance by the President of the Commission regarding its specific due date.

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,

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Dr. Marsal P. Stoll



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

**Actions taken by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees
June 21, 2012**

At its meeting on June 21, 2012, SACSCOC Board of Trustees took the following actions regarding the accreditation status of institutions reviewed. The list *does not include* the names of institutions required only to submit additional monitoring reports unless the review resulted in a negative or an adverse action.

The Commission reaffirmed the accreditation of the following institutions:

Alvin Community College, Alvin, Texas
Atlanta Metropolitan College, Atlanta, Georgia
(reviewed as a Level I institution)
Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Virginia
Calhoun Community College, Decatur, Alabama
Cleveland Community College, Shelby, North Carolina
College of Coastal Georgia, Brunswick, Georgia
East Central Community College, Decatur, Mississippi
Florida Keys Community College, Key West, Florida
Florida National University, Hialeah, Florida
Gaston College, Dallas, North Carolina
Grayson County College, Denison, Texas
George C. Wallace Community College, Dothan, Alabama
Henderson Community College, Henderson, Kentucky
Hopkinsville Community College, Hopkinsville, Kentucky
Houston Community College, Houston, Texas
Lone Star College System, The Woodlands, Texas
McLennan Community College, Waco, Texas
Meridian Community College, Meridian, Mississippi
Morris College, Sumter, South Carolina
North Central Texas College, Gainesville, Texas
Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale, Virginia
Odessa College, Odessa, Texas
Palm Beach State College, Lake Worth, Florida
Palo Alto College, San Antonio, Texas
Pellissippi State Community College, Knoxville, Tennessee
Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia
Roanoke-Chowan Community College, Ahoskie, North Carolina
South Florida Community College, Avon Park, Florida
South Louisiana Community College, Lafayette, Louisiana
Southeastern Community College, Whiteville, North Carolina
Southwest Georgia Technical College, Thomasville, Georgia

Transylvania University, Lexington, Kentucky
Voorhees College, Denmark, South Carolina
Weatherford College, Weatherford, Texas
William Peace University, Raleigh, North Carolina
Williamsburg Technical College, Kingstree, South Carolina

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

Bauder College, Atlanta, Georgia (removed from Warning)
McDowell Technical Community College, Marion, North Carolina (removed from Warning)
Savannah State University, Savannah, Georgia (removed from Warning)
Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama (removed from Warning)

The Commission granted initial accreditation to the following institutions:

(Initial accreditation effective January 1, 2012)

Altamaha Technical College, Jesup, Georgia (Level I)
American College of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine, Houston, Texas (Level III)
J. F. Drake State Technical College, Huntsville, Alabama (Level I)
Southern Virginia University, Buena Vista, Virginia (Level II)

The Commission granted initial candidacy to the following institutions:

(Initial candidacy effective June 21, 2012)

College of Biblical Studies-Houston, Houston, Texas
Moultrie Technical College, Moultrie, Georgia
Sowela Technical Community College, Lake Charles, Louisiana
Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, Roanoke, Virginia

The Commission authorized a Candidate Committee visit to the following institution:

H.Councill Trenholm State Technical Community College, Montgomery, Alabama

The Commission authorized an Accreditation Committee visit to the following institutions:

Texas A & M University Central Texas, Killeen, Texas
(Currently accredited as part of Tarleton State University and is seeking separate accreditation. Action Includes approval of exception to CR 2.7.4)
University of North Texas at Dallas, Dallas, Texas
(Currently accredited as part of the University of North Texas and is seeking separate accreditation.)

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

Aquinas College, Nashville, Tennessee
Moved from Level II to Level III to offer the Master of Education in Teaching and Learning, Master of Arts in Teaching K-6, Master of Arts in Teaching 7-12, Master of Science in Nursing Education, and the Post-Masters Certificate in Nursing Education
Georgia Highlands College, Rome, Georgia
Moved from Level I to Level II to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Lake-Sumter Community College, Leesburg, Florida
Moved from Level I to Level II to offer the Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Management

- Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison, Tennessee
Moved from Level III to Level V to offer the Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (with 50 percent or more of the coursework offered through distance learning)
- St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, North Carolina
Moved from Level II to Level III to offer the Master of Science in Physician Assistant
- South Florida Community College, Avon Park, Florida
Moved from Level I to Level II to offer the Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management (including distance delivery of this program)
- Tennessee Wesleyan College, Athens, Tennessee
Moved from Level II to Level III to offer the Master of Science in Curriculum Leadership
- Texas Lutheran University, Seguin, Texas
Moved from Level II to Level III to offer the Master of Accountancy

The Commission approved the following substantive changes:

- Austin Community College, Austin, Texas
Approved two off-campus instructional sites located at Anderson High School and Rouse High School
- Montreat College, Montreat, North Carolina
Approved the instructional site at Western Piedmont Community College in Morganton, NC, to exclusively include coursework offered for the Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Human Services
- Montreat College, Montreat, North Carolina
Approved the instructional site at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, NC, to include coursework offered for the Master of Business Administration and Master of Science in Management and Leadership
- Montreat College, Montreat, North Carolina
Approved to offer the Master of Science in Management and Leadership and the Bachelor of Business Administration via distance education
- South College, Knoxville, Tennessee
Approved a change in a corporate structure from an S Corporation to a Limited Liability Corporation
- Texas State Technical College—Harlingen, Harlingen, Texas
Approved the Associate of Applied Science in Registered Nursing

The Commission continued the accreditation of the following institutions after review by an on-site Substantive Change Committee:

- Brenau University, Gainesville, Georgia
Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Nursing Practice
- ECPI University, Virginia Beach, Virginia
Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Science in Information Technology
- Frontier Nursing University, Hyden, Kentucky
Review of change of governance
- Gulf Coast State College, Panama City, Florida
Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Applied Science in Technology Management
- Houston Community College, Houston, Texas
Review of Saigon Tech off-campus instructional site
- Huntingdon College, Montgomery, Alabama
Review of off-campus instructional sites located at the Center Point and Shelby campuses of Jefferson State Community College

- Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama
Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Science in Emergency Management
- Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Florida
Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, North Carolina
Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Education in Elementary Education.
- Northeast State Community College, Blountville, Tennessee
Review of a new off-campus instructional site, called Northeast State at Gray Tennessee, and offering 50 percent or more of the Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and the Associate of Applied Science in Business Management degrees
- Pensacola State College, Pensacola, Florida
Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and the Bachelor of Applied Science in Administration and Supervision
- Piedmont Virginia Community College, Charlottesville, Virginia
Review of the following off-campus instructional locations in Virginia where students can earn 50 percent or more of an educational program: Charlottesville High School, Charlottesville; Fork Union Military Academy, Fork Union; Fluvanna County High School, Palmyra; Monticello High School, Charlottesville; and Nelson County High School, Lovingston. The Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women was also reviewed.
- St. Johns River State College, Palatka, Florida
Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Management and the Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Development
- Salem College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Review of an off-campus instructional sites at Davidson County Community College
- Snead State Community College, Boaz, Alabama
Review of an off-campus instructional site at Arab High School, Arab, Alabama
- South College, Knoxville, Tennessee
Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Pharmacy
- University of North Texas, Denton, Texas
Review of the following off-campus instructional sites: Collin Higher Education Center and Justin Wakeland High School
- University of Texas at Brownsville/Texas Southmost College, Brownsville, Texas
Review of the following off-campus instructional sites in Texas: Multi-Institutional Teaching Center in Harlingen, Texas; Donna, Texas; Spring Branch, Texas; and Mission High School, Mission, Texas
- The University of Texas—Pan American, Edinburg, Texas
Review of an off-campus instructional site in McAllen, Texas, where a student can earn 50 percent or more of the coursework leading to the following graduate degrees: Master of Arts in Communication, Master of Business Administration, Master of Education in Educational Administration, Master of Public Administration, and Master of Science in Mathematics
- Valencia College, Orlando, Florida
Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology and the Bachelor of Science in Radiologic and Imaging Sciences
- Weatherford College, Weatherford, Texas
Review of a new off-campus instructional site in Granbury, Texas, called Weatherford College of Education Center
- Webber International University, Babson Park, Florida
Review of the merger of Webber International University and St. Andrew's Presbyterian College

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

Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory, North Carolina

Accepted the prospectus for the merger/consolidation of Lenoir-Rhyne University and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (a non-COC accredited institution)

Louisiana Delta Community College, Monroe, Louisiana

Accepted the prospectus for the merger/consolidation of Louisiana Delta Community College and Northeast Louisiana Technical College (a non-COC accredited institution)

South Louisiana Community College, Lafayette, Louisiana

Accepted the prospectus for the merger/consolidation of South Louisiana Community College and Acadiana Technical College (a non-COC accredited institution)

The Commission removed the following institutions from Warning:

Southwestern Christian College, Terrell, Texas

University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Pembroke, North Carolina

The Commission removed the following institutions from Probation:

Our Lady of Holy Cross College, New Orleans, Louisiana

Shelton State Community College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi

For Information, the Commission delayed the approval of the following substantive change pending review by the Executive Council in September 2012:

Athens State University, Athens, Alabama

Seeking approval of the change of governance from Alabama Community College System and the State Board to an independent public Board of Trustees to be effective October 1, 2012

Sanctions and other Negative Actions

For further information regarding Commission sanctions, see the Commission's policy "Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership." Also, for the specific standard or requirement cited below, reference the Commission's Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement. Both documents can be found on the Commission's Web page at <http://www.sacscoc.org>.

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

Louisiana College, Pineville, Louisiana

Denied move to Level V to offer the Juris Doctorate because the institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure that it has the capability to comply with the following standards as they relate to the substantive change: Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing Board), Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional Effectiveness) and Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: educational programs) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

The Commission denied approval of the following substantive change:

Montreat College, Montreat, NC

Denied approval to offer the Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at the Western Piedmont Community College site in Morganton, NC, because the institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure that it has the capability to comply with the following standard as it relates to the substantive change: Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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

Newberry College, Newberry, South Carolina

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing board), Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional effectiveness), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.3 (Board conflict of interest), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.6 (Board/administration distinction), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.2 (Institutional effectiveness: administrative support services), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.3 (Institutional effectiveness: academic and student support services), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.5 (Institutional effectiveness: community/public service), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (General education competencies), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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

Southern University at Shreveport, Shreveport, Louisiana

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: Educational Programs), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability) of *The Principles of Accreditation*.

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

Brewton Parker College, Mount Vernon, Georgia

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional Effectiveness), Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: Educational Programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.4 (Terminal Degrees of Faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of Finances), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities) of *The Principles of Accreditation*.

Edison State College, Fort Myers, Florida

For twelve months for failure to comply with Principle 1.1 (Integrity), Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.8 (Qualified Administrative/Academic Officers), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: Educational Programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.5 (Institutional Effectiveness: Community/Public Service), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.5 (Academic Policies), and Comprehensive Standard 3.5.3 (Undergraduate Program Requirements) of *The Principles of Accreditation*.

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

Fundacion Universidad de las Americas Puebla, Puebla, Mexico

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.8 (Qualified Administrative / Academic Officers), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness – academic programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.11 (Academic Program Coordination), Federal Requirement 4.1 (Student Achievement), and Federal Requirement 4.5 (Student Complaints), of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Grambling State University, Grambling, Louisiana

For six months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of Finances) and Comprehensive Standard 3.11.1 (Control of Physical Resources) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Midland College, Midland, Texas

For twelve months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: Educational Programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.2 (Institutional Effectiveness: Administrative Support Services), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.3 (Institutional Effectiveness: Academic and Student Support Services), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.5 (Institutional Effectiveness: Community/Public Service), and Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (General Education Competencies) of *The Principles of Accreditation*.

Paine College, Augusta, Georgia

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.8 (Qualified Administrative/Academic Officers), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of Finances), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of Sponsored Research/External Funds), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities) of *The Principles of Accreditation*.

Texarkana College, Texarkana, Texas

For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing Board), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.8 (Qualified Administrative/Academic Officers), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of Finances) of *The Principles of Accreditation*.

Victory University, Memphis, Tennessee

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia

For six months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of Finances), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of Sponsored Research/External Funds), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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

Austin Community College, Austin, Texas

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

Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources) and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability) of *The Principles of Accreditation*.

Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins Texas

For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness – educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.2 (Financial Aid Audits), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of Finances), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities), of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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

Central Virginia Community College, Lynchburg, Virginia

For twelve months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Laredo Community College, Laredo, Texas

For twelve months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.2 (Institutional effectiveness: administrative support services), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.3 (Institutional effectiveness: academic and student support services), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.5

(Institutional effectiveness: community/public service), and Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (General education competencies) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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

Florida Christian College, Kissimmee, Florida

For good cause for six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources) and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Adverse Action

Appealable actions do not go into effect until the appeal period of ten days following written notification has expired. If the institution appeals within this time period, it maintains the status held prior to the Commission's decision until the appeal has been resolved.

The Commission removed the following institution from membership:

St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, Virginia

For failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.2 (Institutional effectiveness: administrative support services), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.3 (Institutional effectiveness: academic and student support services), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.4 (Terminal degrees of faculty), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

(Note: If St. Paul's College appeals the decision of SACS Board of Trustees, it will remain an accredited institution on Probation. The Appeals Committee will meet on one of the following days: August 20-22, 2012.)