



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

**Actions taken by the SACS COC Board of Trustees
June 25, 2009**

At its meeting on June 25, 2009, SACS COC 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 Commission reaffirmed the accreditation of the following institutions:

Barton College, Wilson, North Carolina (*accredited at Level II*)
Baton Rouge Community College, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Beaufort County Community College, Washington, North Carolina
Bennett College for Women, Greensboro, North Carolina
Blue Ridge Community College, Flat Rock, North Carolina
Brunswick Community College, Supply, North Carolina
Chowan University, Murfreesboro, North Carolina
The College of Saint Thomas More, Fort Worth, Texas
East Texas Baptist University, Marshall, Texas
Edgecombe Community College, Tarboro, North Carolina
Elizabethtown Community & Technical College, Elizabethtown, Kentucky
Flagler College, St. Augustine, Florida
Haywood Community College, Clyde, North Carolina
Horry-Georgetown Technical College, Conway, South Carolina
James Sprunt Community College, Kenansville, North Carolina
Jefferson Davis Community College, Brewton, Alabama
Kilgore College, Kilgore, Texas
Limestone College, Gaffney, South Carolina
Martin Community College, Williamston, North Carolina
Martin Methodist College, Pulaski, Tennessee
Maysville Community & Technical College, Maysville, Kentucky
McMurry University, Abilene, Texas
Middle Georgia College, Cochran, Georgia
Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia
New College of Florida, Sarasota, Florida
Northwest Shoals Community College, Muscle Shoals, Alabama
Nunez Community College, Chalmette, Louisiana
Paul D. Camp Community College, Franklin, Virginia
Rappahannock Community College, Glens, Virginia

Richard Bland College, Petersburg, Virginia
River Parishes Community College, Sorrento, Louisiana
The San Jacinto College District, Pasadena, Texas
Shelton State Community College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Somerset Community College, Somerset, Kentucky
Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, South Carolina
Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama
Toccoa Falls College, Toccoa Falls, Georgia
University of South Carolina Beaufort, Bluffton, South Carolina
Vernon College, Vernon, Texas
Wharton County Junior College, Wharton, Texas

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

Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic, Spartanburg, South Carolina (*Removed from Probation*)
South Georgia College, Douglas, Georgia (*Removed from Warning*)

The Commission granted initial accreditation to the following institutions:
(*Retroactive to January 1, 2009*)

Bowling Green Technical College, Bowling Green, Kentucky (Level I)
Georgia Gwinnett College, Lawrenceville, Georgia (Level II)
L. E. Fletcher Technical Community College, Houma, Louisiana (Level I)
Louisiana Delta Community College, Monroe, Louisiana (Level I)
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport, Shreveport, Louisiana (Level VI)
(*Awarded separate accreditation from LSU Health Center in New Orleans*)

The Commission authorized a candidacy committee to the following institutions:

Digital Media Arts College, Boca Raton, Florida
Lanier Technical College, Oakwood, Georgia
Southern Virginia University, Buena Vista, Virginia

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

Barton College, Wilson, North Carolina
Moved from Level II to Level III offering the M.Ed. in Elementary Education
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida
Moved from Level III to Level V offering the Ph.D. in Aviation and the Ph.D. in Engineering
Physics
Keiser University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Moved from Level III to Level V offering the Ph.D. in Educational Leadership
Manatee Community College, Bradenton, Florida
Moved from Level I to Level II offering the B.S. in Nursing

Polk Community College, Winter Haven, Florida
Moved from Level I to Level II offering the B.A.S. in Supervision and Management

Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina
Moved from Level II to Level V offering the Doctor of Pharmacy

Seminole Community College, Sanford, Florida
Moved from Level I to Level II offering the B.A.S. in Interior Design

Texas A & M University – Texarkana, Texarkana, Texas
Moved from Level III to Level V offering a cooperative Ed.D. in Education Administration with Texas A & M University Commerce

The Commission approved the following substantive changes:

Crichton College, Memphis, Tennessee
Approved change of ownership from private, not-for-profit to private, for-profit

Webber International University, Babson Park, Florida
Approved request to offer 50 percent or more of courses for programs through online instruction

The Commission continued the accreditation of the following institutions after review of substantive change:

Art Institute of Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia
Review of the following branch campuses: Art Institute of Tennessee-Nashville and the Art Institute of Charleston

Art Institute of Houston, Houston, Texas
Review of the Art Institute of Austin, a branch campus

Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina
Review of the following three off-campus instructional sites in North Carolina evaluated as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report: Central Davie Academy, Mocksville; Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, Elkin; and UNC Asheville Graduate Center, Asheville

Georgia Northwestern Technical College, Rome, Georgia
Review of the merger/consolidation of Coosa Valley Technical College in Rome and Northwestern Technical College in Rock Springs, Georgia

Germanna Community College, Locust Grove, Virginia
Review of three off-campus instructional sites: Coffeewood Correctional Center, Geico Regional Headquarters, and Germanna Center for Advanced Technology at Culpepper, Virginia

Griffin Technical College, Griffin, Georgia
Review of the Butts County Center in Jackson, Georgia

Lee University, Cleveland, Tennessee
Review of the Educational Specialist in Classroom Teaching and the Educational Specialist in Educational Leadership degrees

Louisiana College, Pineville, Louisiana
Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Arts in Teaching

Martin Community College, Williamston, North Carolina
Review of traditional programs offered at the Bertie Correctional Institute, Windsor, North Carolina, and of distance learning programs

Maysville Community and Technical College, Maysville, Kentucky
Review of the following off-campus instructional sites: Montgomery County High School, Montgomery County Area Technology Center, and Montgomery Extension all located in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky; and the Paris Extension site for the Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and the Associate of Applied Science programs located in Paris, Kentucky.

Midway College, Midway, Kentucky
Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Business Administration

Sullivan University, Louisville, Kentucky
Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Pharmacy

University of the Cumberlands, Williamsburg, Kentucky
Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Education

University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, North Carolina
Review of an off-campus instructional site reviewed as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report: Jesse C. Carson High School, China Grove, North Carolina

The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas
Review of membership at Level V offering the Ph.D. in Nursing

The Commission approved the following consolidation/mergers:

Chattahoochee Technical College, Marietta, Georgia
The consolidation/merger of Chattahoochee Technical College in Marietta, Appalachian Technical College in Jasper, and North Metro Technical College in Acworth, Georgia

Southeastern Technical College, Vidalia, Georgia
The consolidation/merger of Southeastern Technical College in Vidalia and Swainsboro Technical College in Swainsboro, Georgia

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

Delgado Community College, New Orleans, Louisiana
Acceptance of the prospectus for the consolidation/merger of Delgado Community College and Louisiana Technical College

Griffin Technical College, Griffin, Georgia
Acceptance of the prospectus for the consolidation/merger of Griffin Technical College in Griffin, and Flint River Technical College in Thomaston, Georgia, to be called Southern Crescent Technical College

The Commission removed the following institutions from Warning:

Texas State Technical College Marshall, Marshall, Texas
Miami International University of Art & Design, Miami, Florida
Warner University, Lake Wales, Florida

The Commission removed the following institutions from Probation:

Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana
Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas
University of South Florida St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg, Florida
Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, Virginia

Sanctions and other Negative Actions

The Commission denied authorization of a Candidacy Committee to the following institution:

Baptist University of the Americas, San Antonio, Texas
Denied authorization of a Candidacy Committee for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (College-Level Competencies), and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

The Commission denied membership at a more advanced degree level to the following institutions:

Mid-Continent University, Mayfield, Kentucky
Denied membership at Level III to offer the M.S. in Human Resources Management for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources) and Comprehensive Standard 3.4.6 (Practices for Awarding Credit) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

South College, Knoxville, Tennessee
Denied membership at Level V to offer the Doctor of Pharmacy for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources) and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

The Commission denied approval of the following substantive changes:

The Criswell College, Dallas, Texas
Denied approval of a change of ownership for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.2 (Governance and Administration) of the *Principles of Accreditation* as applies to a change of governance/control.

Fundacion Universidad de las Americas Puebla, Puebla, Mexico
Denied approval of the Doctor of Business Administration for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.7.2 (Program Content), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Webber International University, Babson Park, Florida
Denied approval of the Master of Business Administration program offered in China for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional Effectiveness), Core Requirement 2.11.1

(Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.11.3 (Physical Facilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

The Commission continued the following institution on Warning:

Florida Memorial University, Miami Gardens, Florida

For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of Finances) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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

Eastern Shore Community College, Melfa, Virginia

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional Effectiveness), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness), and Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (College-level competencies) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.8.3 (Qualified Staff), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of Finances), and Federal Requirement 4.5 (Student Complaints) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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

Concordia College, Selma, Alabama

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing Board), Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional Effectiveness), Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.1 (CEO/Evaluation Selection), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.4 (External Influence), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.5 (Board Dismissal), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.10 (Administrative Staff Evaluations), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.11 (Academic Program Coordination), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (College-Level Competencies), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence), Comprehensive Standard 3.8.1 (Learning/Information Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of Finances), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.5 (Control of Sponsored Research/External Funds), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Lambuth University, Jackson, Tennessee

For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.3 (Chief Executive Officer), Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional Effectiveness), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Core Requirement 2.12 (Quality Enhancement Plan), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.6

(Board/Administrative Distinction), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.8 (Qualified Administrative/Academic Officers), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: educational programs, to include student learning outcomes), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.2 (Institutional Effectiveness: administrative support services), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.8 (Noncredit to Credit), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (College-Level Competencies), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (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 institution on Probation:

South Louisiana Community College, Lafayette, Louisiana
For twelve months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

The Commission removed the following institution from membership:

Paul Quinn College, Dallas, Texas
For failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.
(On July 10, 2009, Paul Quinn College appealed the Commission's decision to remove its membership. The institution, therefore, remains accredited and on Probation until the Appeals Committee makes its final decision when it convenes August 18, 2009.)