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**Disclosure Statement Regarding the Status of
PAUL QUINN COLLEGE
Dallas, Texas
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The following publicly available information is provided by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Inc., concerning the accreditation of Paul Quinn College. Information presented below is in accord with the Commission's disclosure policy; staff of the Commission cannot comment further on questions specifically related to Paul Quinn College.

What is the accreditation status of Paul Quinn College? On June 25, 2009, the Board of Trustees of the Commission on Colleges voted to remove the accreditation of Paul Quinn College. The institution appealed this decision. On August 24, 2009, the Appeals Committee of the College Delegate Assembly informed the College and the Commission that it had upheld the decision of the Commission's Board of Trustees to remove accreditation. On August 26, 2009, the College filed suit in federal court. On August 27, 2009, the U.S. District Court for Northern Georgia issued a preliminary injunction that reinstated the accreditation of Paul Quinn College as a member on Probation with SACS Commission on Colleges. The Commission and Paul Quinn College agreed to the Order so as to protect the rights and interests of both parties during the legal proceedings.

Therefore, Paul Quinn College is an accredited member on Probation with SACS Commission on Colleges pending further Order of the Court.

Why did the Board of Trustees of the Commission vote to remove Paul Quinn College from membership as an accredited institution on June 25, 2009? The Board of Trustees of the Commission voted to remove the College from membership 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*, the standards of the Commission. These standards expect an institution to provide evidence that it has (1) a sound financial base and financial stability to support the mission of the institution and the scope of its programs, (2) identified expected outcomes, assessments of the achievement of these outcomes, and evidence of improvement based on the analysis of the results, and (3) a recent financial history that demonstrates financial stability. (To read the full statements for the standards cited above, access the *Principles of Accreditation* at <http://www.sacscoc.org/principles.asp>.)