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**Disclosure Statement Regarding the Status of  
FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY  
Fort Valley, Georgia  
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The following publicly available information is provided by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) concerning the accreditation of Fort Valley State University. Information presented below is in accord with SACSCOC's disclosure policy; staff of SACSCOC cannot comment further on questions specifically related to Fort Valley State University. The institution has reviewed this statement prior to public posting.

Action by SACSCOC's Board of Trustees took place on June 15, 2017, and the institution's next review is June 2018.

**What is the accreditation status of Fort Valley State University?** Fort Valley State University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; however, the institution was placed on Warning for twelve months after review of (1) a Referral Report following submission of the institution's Fifth-Year Interim Report in June 2016 and (2) a Monitoring Report on finances. SACSCOC's accreditation includes all components of the institution—all programs, branch campuses, off-campus sites, and distance learning programs as reported to SACSCOC; thus, the Warning status applies to the entire institution.

**What does Warning mean?** Warning is a public sanction imposed by SACSCOC's Board of Trustees following determination of significant non-compliance with the Core Requirements, Comprehensive Standards, or the Federal Requirements of SACSCOC's *Principles of Accreditation*; failure to make timely and significant progress toward correcting the deficiencies that led to the finding of non-compliance; or failure to comply with SACSCOC's policies and procedures. The maximum total time during one monitoring period that an institution may be on Warning is two years. In June 2018, Fort Valley State University will have been on Warning for twelve months and also will have exhausted its two-year monitoring period. For additional information about sanctions, see SACSCOC's policy entitled "Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership" that can be accessed at <http://www.sacscoc.org/policies.asp>.

**Why was Fort Valley State University placed on Warning?** Fort Valley State University was placed on Warning because SACSCOC's Board of Trustees determined that the institution had failed to demonstrate compliance with Core Requirement 2.10 (Student support services), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), Comprehensive Standard 3.11.3 (Physical facilities), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*—the accreditation standards of SACSCOC. These standards expect an institution to provide evidence that it (1) provides student support programs and services that promote student learning, (2) demonstrates financial stability, (3) exercises control over its finances, (4) maintains physical facilities that serve the needs of the institution, and (5) demonstrates compliance with program responsibilities under Title IV. (To read the full statements for the standards cited above, access the *Principles of Accreditation* at <http://www.sacscoc.org/principles.asp>.)

**What will happen in June 2018?** SACSCOC's Board of Trustees will consider the accreditation status of Fort Valley State University following review of a Second Monitoring Report addressing the standards cited above for non-compliance. The Board will have the following options: (1) remove the institution from Warning without an additional report; (2) continue accreditation for good cause, place the institution on Probation, authorize a Special Committee visit, and request a report; and (3) remove the institution from membership for failure to comply with the *Principles of Accreditation* or for failure to meet the provisions of good cause. Commission staff will not speculate on what decision might be made by SACSCOC's Board of Trustees in June 2018.

For additional information regarding SACSCOC's accreditation process, access the *Principles of Accreditation* (<http://www.sacscoc.org/principles.asp>).