



COMMISSION ON COLLEGES

2007-2008 ANNUAL REPORT AND PROCEEDINGS





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Comments from the Chair of the Commission



Dr. Phillip C. Stone

Earlier this year, our Commission President notified the membership of a change that took place July 1, 2008, whereby the Commission on Colleges became a separately incorporated entity under the umbrella of our parent organization, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. This action was in line with our K-12 counterparts, the Council for the Advancement of School Improvement (SACS CASI), whose board took a similar action the previous year.

As explained in Dr. Wheelan's correspondence, this organizational change means that the nearly 800 institutions accredited by the Commission on Colleges are now members of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc. (SACS COC) rather than of SACS. It has little impact on the way we conduct our business, but it does affect the nomenclature and responsibilities of our 77-member elected body, currently referred to as the "Commission on Colleges," who represent the membership in all aspects of the self-regulatory process, including making decisions on the accreditation status of our applicant, candidate, and member institutions. Because of confusion in the past in referring to the organization as the Commission

and the 77 member body as the Commission, the new Bylaws recognize the 77 representatives as the Board of Trustees, which is the governing board for SACS COC. This change in nomenclature will be confirmed this July.

The newly adopted Bylaws of SACS COC broadens the authority and responsibilities of its Board of Trustees in that the control and disposition of its properties and funds are vested in the Board. Previously, SACS—the Corporation—and the SACS' Board of Trustees controlled matters related to corporate assets.

This complete change of an organizational structure has evolved from a centralized Association founded in 1895 by six Southern colleges and universities for purposes of organizing Southern schools and colleges, elevating the standard of scholarship in the region, and developing preparatory schools to enhance college preparedness. SACS eventually established three commissions: the Commission on Elementary Schools (founded in 1965), the Commission on Secondary Schools (founded in 1912), and the Commission on Colleges (founded in 1919), with each Commission gradually assuming authority for accreditation decisions, policy development, and selection of personnel.

SACS' bylaws adopted in 1992 completely changed the face of SACS,

significantly decreasing the number of SACS Board members and their powers, eliminating centralized administration, and vesting more authority in the Commissions, including the hiring of each Commission's chief executive officer. With the separate incorporation of SACS CASI and of SACS COC, all historic functions of SACS have been assumed individually by its two corporate members.

This final decentralization, however, does not diminish the significance of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and its importance for education in the Southern region. Its brand name continues to represent a highly rigorous self-regulatory process for defining institutions that meet

established standards of quality and that strive to improve the learning experiences and achievements of their students. It promotes a review process that depends on the involvement of volunteers in all aspects of its activities. SACS, as a regional association, requires institutional commitment and engagement and continues to support the primary purpose for which it was founded; that is, elevating the standard of scholarship in the South.

Message from the President

Greetings!



Dr. Belle S. Wheelan

It is my pleasure to provide you with an overview of the Commission's activities for the years 2007 and 2008. I was honored to visit approximately 50 of our member institutions throughout the region and observed a great deal of quality instruction. From Virginia to Texas, institutions have identified and assessed student learning outcomes and, as a result, revised curricula and modified program support. In addition, the call for transparency is evident by visiting institutional Web sites and reading the available reports.

The Commission on Colleges (COC) continues to use data from Off- and On-Site Committee reports in order to identify topics that can be used as a basis for workshops designed for the membership who are having difficulty with our *Principles of Accreditation*. As a result, in the spring of 2007, we held two sessions on developing and assessing student learning outcomes with Dr. Dorothy Yancy, President of Johnson C. Smith University leading the sessions. The workshop was repeated at the annual meeting in New Orleans. In the spring of 2008, a session on governance was held in which COC Chair Dr. Phil Stone and staff participated. It also was repeated

at the annual meeting in San Antonio.

We again had a record number of attendees in both New Orleans and San Antonio. For the first time in Commission history, we were unable to hold on-site registration because we had registered the maximum number of people the fire marshall would allow. Since contracts are signed at least two years in advance of the meetings, it is difficult to anticipate how many attendees we will actually have. I would like to thank everyone who attended and patiently worked their way through crowded sessions and hallways. The very positive feedback we received related to the program and the logistics was greatly appreciated.

At the New Orleans meeting, the membership approved additional changes to the *Principles*, creating a need for us to reprint. Once that was done, several printed copies were sent to each member institution. Additional copies are available for purchase or download from our Web site.

Although the Commission has had a policy related to substantive changes for quite sometime, a new Comprehensive Standard (3.12) was added to the *Principles* in December 2007. In order to provide member institutions with a better understanding of what the new Standard entails, we developed a workshop detailing the specifics of the changes and presented it at several sessions held across the region. Feedback has been very

positive on those sessions.

The Summer Institute was held in Louisville in 2007 and in Orlando in 2008 and both produced record attendance. A waiting list of almost as many people as registered made it necessary for us to re-think how best to meet the needs of our members. In order to keep the institute at a manageable number, we ask that no institution register more than three people but if after we close registration there are still spaces available, we will open it up to others. That way, more institutions will have an opportunity to send colleagues. We will also give priority to those who have never attended one of the institutes.

We are always looking for ways to improve evaluator training. Dr. David Carter revised the training for our committee chairs and received very positive feedback on the very practical and case study focused methods he included in the training. Since ours is a peer review process, we are constantly seeking new evaluators. If you are interested in participating in this rewarding professional development activity, please let Dr. Carter know of your interest.

In addition to visiting member institutions and participating in several regional and national meetings, I have been working diligently along side my colleagues in the other regions to ensure that the process of accreditation remains an independent process. With

the delayed passage of the recent version of the Higher Education Act in 2008, the negotiated rulemaking necessary for the implementation of the law only began in early 2009.

Finally, in 2007 we welcomed two new staff members in our budget office: Ms. Lisa Moreaux as the Director of Finances and Ms. Sharon Wilks as the Staff Accountant. In 2008, as a result of Dr. Ann Chard's retirement and a growth in the number and complexity of member institutions, we welcomed Dr. Marsal Stoll and Dr. Steven Sheeley as Vice Presidents.

I feel very positive about the work of our member institutions and look forward to working with each of you as we continue to meet the needs of the students we serve. Remember, Students Are Central to Success.

Drs. Richard L. Morrill and Patricia A. Hayes Named Recipients of The James T. Rogers Distinguished Leadership Award



The Commission on Colleges continued its annual tradition of honoring individuals whose extraordinary commitment to the peer review process exemplifies the true spirit of volunteerism that

characterizes accreditation.

The 2008 recipient of the James T. Rogers Distinguished Leadership Award, the highest public recognition given by the Commission and reserved for extraordinarily distinctive and effective leadership, was presented to Dr. Richard L. Morrill, retired president of the University of Richmond and current Chancellor of the University, during Monday's General Session of the 2008 Annual Meeting. Active in Commission affairs for more than 10 years before his retirement, he distinguished himself as the Chair of SACS' Board of Trustees when he mediated with Board members to amend SACS bylaws thereby (1) allowing each Commission more operational autonomy, (2) eliminating the staff position of president of SACS and creating an administrative council consisting of the executives of the individual Commissions to manage SACS' operations, and (3) allowing each Commission to select its own chief executive officer and administrative staff. He then worked to ensure that the association's membership adopted the new bylaws. These changes realized significant savings for SACS and led the way to the current independence of the Commissions from the authority of the SACS' board. Dr. Edward Ayers, current president of the University of Richmond, accepted the award on Dr. Morrill's behalf.

Dr. Patricia Hayes, former president of St. Edwards University and recently retired Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the SETON Healthcare Network, was named the 2007 recipient of the award.

Active in Commission affairs for more than 15 years before her transition to the health care field, she distinguished herself in a number of ways in her service to this region's accrediting commission, most specifically when serving as chair of the Alternative Self-Study Committee that engineered the improvement aspect of the Commission's reaffirmation process. This process, used by more than 100 institutions while the *Criteria for Accreditation* was in effect, served as the precursor for today's Quality Enhancement Plan. The Alternative Self-Study invited institutional creativity and flexibility that allowed an institution to focus on a particular aspect of institutional self-improvement.

In addition to the leadership awards, the following individuals received Meritorious Service Awards for personifying the ideals of the Commission on Colleges through extensive volunteerism and extraordinary commitment to the peer review process.

2007 Meritorious Service Award Recipients

- Thomas F. Armstrong, *Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Louisiana State University at Alexandria, Alexandria, La.*
- James F. Barker, *President, Clemson University, Clemson, S.C.*
- Robin W. Hoffman, *President, DeKalb Technical College, Clarkston, Ga.*
- Robert W. Moses, *former Associate Vice President of Planning and Program Development, Indian River Community College, Fort Pierce, Fla.*
- Harold R. Preston, *Vice President for Finance & Management, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex.*

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2008 Meritorious Service Award Recipients

- Linda B. Adair, *retired Executive Vice President, Gulf Coast Community College, Panama City, Fla.*
- Walter M. Bortz III, *President, Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, Va.*
- J. Bryan Brooks, *former Associate Professor & Chair, Department of Leadership and Educational Studies, Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C.*
- Harold R. Holmes, *Associate Vice President and Dean of Student Services, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C.*
- Mary Thornley, *President, Trident Technical College, Charleston, S.C.*

Dr. Phillip Stone Elected to a Third Term

Dr. Phillip C. Stone, President of Bridgewater College in Virginia, was re-elected to a final term during the December 2008 executive session of the 77-member Commission on Colleges. In addition, Dr. John M. Hilpert, President of Delta State University in Mississippi, was elected to succeed Elva Conch LeBlanc, President of the Northwest Campus of Tarrant County College in Texas, as Vice-Chair. Both leaders have had extensive experience with the Commission serving as elected Commissioners from their respective states, as members of the Executive Council, and as participants on visiting committees to institutions.

In his capacity as Chair, Dr. Stone will preside over meetings of the Executive Council, the Commission on Colleges, and the College Delegate Assembly. The Council is the executive arm of the 77-member Commission.

Other Commissioners elected as members of the 2009 Executive Council representing the 11 regional states are:

- Michael A. Battle, *President, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia*
 - Karen A. Bowyer, *President, Dyersburg State Community College, Dyersburg, Tennessee*
 - Franklyn M. Casale, *President, Saint Thomas University, Miami Gardens, Florida*
 - Kent John Chabotar, *President, Guilford College, Greensboro, North Carolina*
 - Robert I. Fernandez, *President, Fernandez & Company, CPAs, Fort Worth, Texas*
 - Frank Friedman, *President, Piedmont Virginia Community College, Charlottesville, Virginia*
 - Thomas L. Hallman, *Chancellor, University of South Carolina Aiken, Aiken, South Carolina*
 - Vicki P. Hawsey, *President, Wallace State Community College, Hanceville, Alabama*
 - Gloria W. Raines, *Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Louisiana State University in Shreveport, Shreveport, Louisiana*
 - James R. Ramsey, *President, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky*
 - Jesse W. Rogers, *President, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas*
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Annual Conferences Attract Record Attendance

Nearly 4,000 individuals participated in large and small group sessions, networking luncheons and dinner, plenary sessions, and workshops provided as part of the Commission on College's Annual Meeting held December 2008 in San Antonio. This represents a 9 percent increase over the number of attendees in 2007 when the meeting was held in New Orleans.

The theme of the 2007 conference, "Renewing Our Commitment to Learning, Students, and the Community," addressed the importance of coupling academic excellence and student learning with civic engagement. Keynote speaker Dr. Samuel Betances, senior consultant with Betances & Associates, Inc. of Chicago, spoke on "The Benefits and Values of Diversity in Higher Education." His presentation was followed by Dr. Benjamin Carson, professor of Pediatric Neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins University, who spoke on "Leadership in Times and Crisis." Lt. General Russel Honoré, Commander General, First Army, and Commander, Joint Task Force-Katrina, addressed the topic "Leadership in Times of Crisis."

The 2008 Annual Meeting selected "Critical Issues in the 21st Century: Leadership,

Access, Measurement, Accountability, and Outreach" as its theme. Keynote speaker Dr. Henry Cisneros, housing innovator, former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and four-term mayor of San Antonio, spoke on "The Essentials of Leadership for the 21st Century." Dr. Judith Eaton, President of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, talked about "Accreditation after the 2008 Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act" and its impact on the higher education community. Dr. William George was the keynote speaker for the closing session on Tuesday morning. He is the Professor of Management Practice at the Harvard Business School and author of *True North: Discover Your Authentic Leadership*.

The continuing success of the Annual Meeting is reflected in the gradual increase of attendees since 2002 when the Commission on Colleges first separated its meeting from that of the Commissions on Elementary, Middle, and Secondary Institutions due to conference space shortages. The chart below shows the incremental increases by year.

Annual Meeting of SACS Commission on Colleges: Attendee Report Since 2002

Year	Attendees
2002	2,914
2003	3,104
2004	3,262
2005	3,319
2006	3,440
2007	3,772
2008	3,926



2008 Marks the Fourth Successful Year for the Summer Institute on Quality Enhancement and Accreditation

Almost 700 participants attended the 2008 SACS-COC Summer Institute on Quality Enhancement and Accreditation held July 27-30, 2008, in Orlando, Florida. The opening speaker was Dr. Barbara Walvoord, Professor Emerita at the University of Notre Dame and author of *Assessment Clear and Simple: A Practical Guide for Institutions, Departments, and General Education* who spoke on "The Role of Classroom-Based Assessment in the Age of Standardized Testing." Other plenary speakers were Dr. Patrick Callan, President of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, who talked about "Accessibility, Affordability, and Accountability in Higher Education"; Dr. Mary Allen, Professor Emerita of psychology at California State University and author of *Assessing General Education Programs* and *Assessing Academic Programs in Higher Education*, who spoke on "Assessment in a Learner-Centered Environment"; Dr. Marilla Svinicki, Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of Texas at Austin and author of *Learning and Motivation in the Postsecondary Classroom*, who addressed participants on "Learning and Motivation in the Postsecondary Classroom"; and Dr. Joseph Silver, who talked about "The Anatomy of the Quality Enhancement Plan."

Attendees who evaluated the institute stated they were pleased with the overall quality (95 percent said they were satisfied or very satisfied). Ninety percent said that the institute met their expectations.

Similar comments came from those who attended the 2007 Annual Meeting held at the Louisville Marriott Hotel July 22-25, 2007, in Kentucky. The opening speaker was Dr. Thomas A. Angelo, Professor of Higher Education and Director of the University Teaching Centre, Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand, who spoke on "Doing Assessment as if Learning

Matters Most: Seven Transformative Guidelines from Research and Best Practice." He also led sessions on "Classroom Assessment and Feedback for Deeper Learning" and "OK, But What Do We Do on Monday? Identifying Promising Ideas, Possible Applications, and Practical Next Steps."

Dr. Milton D. Hakel, Ohio Board of Regents Eminent Scholar in Industrial and Organizational Psychology, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, and Dr. Diane F. Halpern, Professor of Psychology and Director of the Berger Institute for Work, Family, and Children, Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, California, teamed up to speak on "Present at the Creation: Teaching, Deep Learning, and Creating Understanding and Skill." Drs. Hakel and Halpern also presented breakout topics on "Student Success Plans" and "Teaching and Assessing Critical Thinking: Better Thinking Skills Can Be a College Outcome."

Dr. Gloria Rogers, Associate Executive Director, Professional Services, ABET, Inc., gave a practical talk on "Assessing Student Learning Outcomes" followed by a breakout session on program evaluation.

The Honorable Louis W. Sullivan, M.D., former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, President Emeritus of Morehouse School of Medicine, and member of the Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education, addressed the audience on the topic of "Accessibility, Affordability, and Accountability: A Discussion of Recommendations of the Spellings Commission Report."

The 2009 Summer Institute will be held at the Hilton Americas in Houston, Texas, July 19-22, 2009. Information about the institute can be found at www.sacscoc.org/institute.asp.



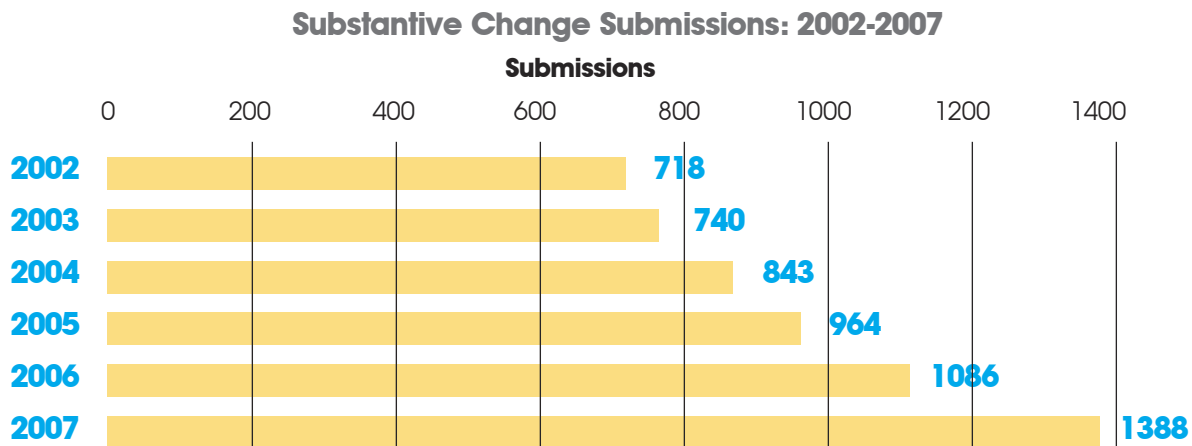
The Impact of Substantive Change Reporting

As a self-regulatory organization, the Commission on Colleges is accountable to a number of constituents: students, faculty, and staff of the institutions that are members in the organization; the general public; and various external agencies. This obligation includes verification that its member institutions have the proper authority and capacity to continuously deliver and ensure the quality of their programs and services within the scopes of their missions. Some changes of a substantive nature that take place in an institution between its decennial reviews can have a direct bearing on its mission and resources. Consequently, the Commission has a responsibility for verifying continuous quality during those changes.

This philosophy of regional accreditation, coupled with an increase of federal regulations and an expanded interpretation of those regulations, have created a significant challenge for institutions—challenges for the timely reporting of changes that respond to student and community needs and better serve their constituents—and for Commission staff responsible for reviewing the submissions.

Commission staff have taken a number of steps to help institutions better respond to the reporting requirements for substantive change: (1) By the end of 2008, staff conducted 15 workshops and are planning additional sessions in south Texas, west Texas, south Florida, Alabama, and Louisiana in spring 2009. (2) They revised the Commission's Web site to include in one location all information pertinent to substantive change. Evaluative comments about the site indicated that users found the information to be complete, useful, and easy to navigate. (3) Staff are in the process of simplifying the language of the policy and making it possible to complete documents online and submit on CD or DVD.

Consequently, this greater awareness of the need to report substantive changes has led to a sharp increase in the submissions of applications and prospectuses. The graph below shows the number of submissions from 2002–2007.



For the period of January—October 2008, the numbers are equally striking:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>% change</u>
Submissions	1197	2084	57
Notification only	741	1336	55
Prospectuses	179	243	74
Site Visits	6	6	---

This has led to longer delays in responding to some submissions; it continues to be the goal of staff to respond within 45 days.

Please address questions about the policy and its application to Drs. Ralph Russell and Sarah Armstrong, staff members responsible for reviewing substantive change documents. Access the substantive change Web page at www.sacscoc.org/SubstantiveChange.asp.

Commission on Colleges Undertakes Expanded Fifth-Year Interim Reviews of Institutions

December 2008 marked the first review of Fifth-Year Interim Reports submitted by institutions to the Commission on Colleges (COC) in response to the U.S. Department of Education's request that all accrediting bodies develop measures to ensure continuous monitoring of accredited institutions that have access to federal dollars. The Commission is one of only a few accreditors that conducts a comprehensive review of its institutions every 10 years; most accrediting agencies conduct such reviews every five to seven years. The Department of Education requires accrediting agencies that it recognizes to monitor its institutions more often to ensure that institutions that receive federal funds continue to meet accreditation standards, especially those required by the Secretary of Education.

To that end, the Commission has developed a Fifth-Year Interim Report, which consists of several parts: (1) a signature page, (2) an abbreviated summary of institutional characteristics, (3) an abbreviated compliance report that addresses 14 standards of the *Principles of Accreditation*, (4) an additional report requested during an institution's previous monitoring that requires an update for ensuring continuing compliance (*not applicable to all institutions*), and (5) a QEP Impact Report (submitted by institutions that were reviewed under the *Principles* during their previous decennial review). If an institution has expanded its off-campus sites since its last reaffirmation or has experienced rapid growth in its off-site offerings, it may also be required to host an off-campus fifth-year committee to conduct a review of a sample of sites.

The first class requested to submit the report was the reaffirmation Class of 2013, Track A (undergraduate institutions). Originally, the Fifth-Year Interim Reports were to be reviewed by the Commission's standing committees—the Committees on Compliance and Reports. However, that process was modified when a revised procedure was created to allow for a preliminary paper review of an institution's documented compliance with standards identified in the abbreviated compliance report. This review, conducted by a Fifth-Year Interim Committee that meets at the same time as the Commission's standing committees, gives institutions a preliminary reading and an opportunity to submit additional

information in support of compliance before being referred to the Commission for action.

The Pilot Process

Using a similar format to that of the off-site reviews at the time of reaffirmation, the 44 institutions in the 2013 Track A Class were divided into four groups organized by types of institutions and clustered by states. The Committee to Review Fifth-Year Interim Reports was divided into four subcommittees to review the mini-compliance certifications submitted by institutions in each of these groups. The subcommittee makeup included a coordinator and four committee members with knowledge and experience reviewing the following areas: academic programs (two evaluators), institutional effectiveness, and support services. All readers had served as members of Off-Site Review Committees and, therefore, had previous experience in the review of Compliance Certifications. Subcommittee coordinators were selected based on their experience and leadership performance as off-site chairs.

After reviewing the mini-compliance certification and discussing an institution's compliance with the 14 standards, the subcommittee selected one of the following options: (1) no additional monitoring required because the institution documented compliance or (2) additional monitoring required with a request for documentation in support of compliance. Additional monitoring reports are then referred to the Commission for action at one of its next meetings.

Overview of Findings from the Review of 2013 Track A Institutions

Of the 44 institutions reviewed in December 2008, 12 had no additional monitoring and 32 were requested to submit a monitoring report for review in either June or December 2009. Of the 32 with monitoring reports, 15 were requested to document compliance with three or fewer of the standards in the

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mini-compliance certification; 13 were requested to document compliance with four or more standards; and four to document compliance with 8 or more standards. A break out of the top seven standards is described in the Table.

implementation, and describe the QEP's direct impact on student learning, including the achievement of goals and outcomes. In December, 2008, the Fifth-Year Interim Report Committee reviewed the Impact Reports and provided feedback when appropriate.

STANDARDS MOST OFTEN CITED IN DECEMBER 2008:
Applicable to the 32 institutions requested to submit Monitoring Reports

Standard	Description	Total number cited	Percent cited
FR 4.5	Written procedures for student complaints	23 of 32	72%
CS 3.3.1.1	Institutional effectiveness: educational programs	18 of 32	56%
FR 4.7	Title IV requirements	13 of 32	41%
CS 3.4.11	Academic program	13 of 32	41%
CR 2.8	Full-time faculty	9 of 32	28%
CS 3.2.8	Qualified administrative/academic officers	8 of 32	25%

Institutional Preparation

There are a number of steps that an institution can take to prepare for submission of its Fifth-Year Interim Report. First, maintain an updated version of the Compliance Certification submitted as part of the previous reaffirmation. The 2013 reaffirmation class was last reviewed under the *Criteria for Accreditation* so those institutions were unable to maintain such an update. Second, provide narrative on the report that supports compliance and explains the use of the documentation chosen. Third, provide documentation and examples. For instance, Federal Requirement 4.5 requires an institution to have procedures for addressing student complaints and to show that it follows those procedures. Most often, institutions provide a copy of the complaint procedure and attest to its application, but the standard requires that an institution *demonstrate* that it follows the procedures. This can be done by providing examples. Institutions often failed to demonstrate the application.

The Review of the QEP Impact Report

Three of the original eight institutions that piloted the current reaffirmation review process initiated with the adoption of the *Principles* in 2002 submitted QEP Impact Reports. The Impact Reports require an institution to describe the initial goals of its QEP, discuss changes made to the QEP during its

The only action taken was acceptance of the report. The Commission is discussing how these reports should be reviewed and whether there would be occasions when the Impact Report might be determined to be unacceptable and, if so, what would be the process for further review. All of these points continue to be under discussion.

The Adoption of a Final Review Process

The review in December 2008 of the 2013 Track A institutions' Fifth-Year Interim Reports was based on a piloted procedure endorsed by the Executive Council of the Commission while the Commission continues to gain information on how to improve the process. Final approval will be by the 77-member Commission during its meeting in December 2009. By that time, the Commission will have reviewed approximately 80 Fifth-Year Interim Reports—providing sufficient feedback for finalizing the process.

For updates and additional information regarding the Fifth-Year Interim Report, refer to the Commission's Web site at www.sacxoc.org/FifthYearInterimReports.asp.

Accreditation Actions Taken by the Commission on Colleges During the Five-Year Period Reviewed Under the *Principles of Accreditation*

The following table describes the type and number of cases of accreditation actions taken by the Commission on Colleges since the implementation of the *Principles of Accreditation* in 2004. Note that the total number of cases in 2007 and 2008 increased due to the beginning of the Commission's review of unreported substantive changes submitted after the adoption in 2006 of Comprehensive Standard 3.12 on the reporting of substantive change.

TYPE OF ACTION	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	TOTALS
Reaffirmation of accreditation	30	79	79	74	73	335
Denial of reaffirmation	5	7	6	3	7	28
Initial candidacy/renewal of candidacy	3	3	3	6	8	23
Initial accreditation	8	6	3	5	4	26
Removal from candidacy/denial of accreditation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Approval of change of degree level	10	11	12	18	13	64
Approval of other substantive change	4	7	0	11	3	25
Denial of approval of substantive change	5	7	8	7	6	33
Substantive change review by a committee	26	20	17	69	32	164
Review of unreported substantive change	NA	NA	NA	51	78	129
Review of Monitoring Reports	164 *	113	130	100	100	607
Removal from sanction	61	6	16	12	8	103
Imposition/continuation of Warning	12	12	13	10	12	59
Imposition/continuation of Probation	6	4	3	6	7	26
Imposition/continuation of Probation with good cause	7	8	2	5	4	26
Authorization of a special committee	19	16	6	4	2	47
Action on removal from accreditation	3	0	0	1	0	4
Appeals of adverse actions	2	0	0	1	0	3
TOTAL CASES	365	299	298	383	357	1702

* Monitoring reports from pre-2004 COC action taken under the former *Criteria for Accreditation*.

Profile of the Evaluator Registry of the Commission on Colleges 2008

The Evaluator Registry is the Commission's data base incorporating the names of all individuals nominated by their respective institutions and qualified to serve on evaluation committees that conduct the business of the Commission on Colleges. It is composed of more than 4,000 individuals who have the knowledge and experience to assess an institution's compliance with the *Principles of Accreditation*. Table I below shows the number of evaluators by state and by category. Table 2 indicates the number of evaluators by degree level (described below). Table 3 shows the number of evaluators by institutional governance type.

TABLE 1
NUMBER OF EVALUATORS BY STATE

CATEGORY	AL	FL	GA	KY	LA	MS	NC	SC	TN	TX	VA	INT*	TOTAL
Academic Administration	102	143	117	67	62	48	150	70	112	293	107	7	1278
Academic Disciplines	51	78	98	58	44	33	90	46	57	178	70	2	805
Administrative Services	18	41	37	18	9	11	47	26	20	70	36	0	333
Continuing Education	0	2	1	0	2	0	5	0	0	9	2	0	21
Developmental Education	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	9
Educational Support	21	28	30	14	13	12	34	17	16	45	31	0	261
Extended Learning	2	1	5	2	1	1	2	0	2	9	6	0	31
Health Sciences	11	10	12	6	2	7	14	2	8	17	10	0	99
Institutional Effectiveness	32	45	51	16	12	24	62	34	37	92	31	2	438
Leadership	19	24	20	14	12	5	18	13	20	26	31	0	202
Occupational/Technical	5	3	4	2	0	2	5	1	0	9	1	0	32
Organization/Governance	23	37	50	24	15	20	58	21	23	70	23	3	367
QEP Evaluators	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Student Services	23	25	38	16	6	11	39	21	20	54	19	1	273
No Category	3	4	2	1	1	1	3	2	1	3	1	0	22
TOTAL	311	442	466	239	179	175	529	253	317	876	369	15	4171

TABLE 2
NUMBER OF EVALUATORS BY DEGREE LEVEL **

CATEGORY	LEVEL I	LEVEL II	LEVEL III	LEVEL IV	LEVEL V	LEVEL VI	TOTAL
Academic Administration	411	167	187	43	243	227	1278
Academic Disciplines	157	101	150	46	145	206	805
Administrative Services	127	53	45	13	60	35	333
Continuing Education	17	1	0	0	1	2	21
Developmental Education	5	1	1	0	1	1	9
Educational Support	73	40	40	14	50	44	261
Extended Learning	16	2	5	3	1	4	31
Health Sciences	24	5	10	5	18	37	99
Institutional Effectiveness	149	66	65	20	68	70	438
Leadership	45	23	43	6	37	48	202
Occupational/Technical	29	2	0	0	1	0	32
Organization/Governance	163	58	60	14	47	25	367
QEP Evaluators	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Student Services	107	34	38	12	38	44	273
No Category	3	3	5	1	7	3	22
TOTAL	1326	556	649	177	717	746	4171

* International

** Institution is classified by the *highest degree level offered by the institution*. The levels are as follows:

- Level I** Associate degree
- Level II** Baccalaureate degree
- Level III** Master's degree
- Level IV** Master's degree and Education Specialist
- Level V** Three or fewer doctoral degrees
- Level VI** Four or more doctoral degrees

TABLE 3
NUMBER OF EVALUATORS BY GOVERNANCE

CATEGORY	PUBLIC	PRIVATE	TOTAL
Academic Administration	877	401	1278
Academic Disciplines	471	334	805
Administrative Services	218	115	333
Continuing Education	18	3	21
Developmental Education	6	3	9
Educational Support	169	92	261
Extended Learning	25	6	31
Health Sciences	76	23	99
Institutional Effectiveness	308	130	438
Leadership	106	96	202
Occupational/Technical	32	0	32
Organization/Governance	238	129	367
QEP Evaluators	0	0	0
Student Services	193	80	273
No Category	13	9	22
TOTAL	2750	1421	4171





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2007/2008

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Camille Anne Campbell, *President/Principal, Mount Carmel Academy, New Orleans, La.* (2007)

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Phillip C. Stone, *President, Bridgewater College, Va.* (2007)

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Paul C. Reviere, *Teacher, Lincoln County Elementary School, Lincolnton, Ga.* (2007)

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Dorothy Cowser Yancy, *President, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N.C.* (2008)

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Standing Committees of the Commission and the College Delegate Assembly: 2007–2008

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J. Steve Lee, Vice President for Business Affairs, University of Mobile, Mobile, Ala.

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Robert F. Moore, Associate Professor, Department of Teaching and Learning, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla.

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Linda B. Salane, Executive Director, The Leadership Institute, Columbia College, Columbia, S.C.

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Sessions of the Commission on Colleges
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Executive Sessions of the Commission on Colleges: 2007 and 2008

Minutes of the Meeting of the Commission on Colleges: June 21, 2007

The Commission on Colleges met in executive session on Thursday, June 21, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. at the Ponte Vedra Inn and Club, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Philip Stone, President of Bridgewater College and Chair of the Commission, presided. Claudia Limbert, President of Mississippi University for Women, served as recorder.

Dr. Limbert called the roll. The following Commission members were in attendance: William T. Abare, Jr., President, Flagler College, St. Augustine, Florida; Linda B. Adair, Executive Vice President, Gulf Coast Community College, Panama City, Florida; John W. Bardo, Chancellor, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina; Joseph T. Barwick, President, Carteret Community College, Morehead City, North Carolina; Michael A. Battle, President, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia; David L. Beckley, President, Rust College, Holly Springs, Mississippi; Ray L. Belton, Chancellor, Southern University at Shreveport, Shreveport, Louisiana; Larry L. Biddle, Board of Directors, Burroughs & Chapin Company, Conway, South Carolina; Wilsie S. Bishop, Chief Operating Officer and Vice President for Health Affairs, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee; William A. Bloodworth Jr., President, Augusta State University, Augusta, Georgia; Walter M. Bortz III, President, Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, Virginia; Karen A. Bowyer, President, Dyersburg State Community College, Dyersburg, Tennessee; Jennifer L. Braaten, President, Ferrum College, Ferrum, Virginia; J. Bryan Brooks, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Leadership and Educational Studies, Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina; Diane M. Calhoun-French, Provost & Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Jefferson Community & Technical College, Louisville, Kentucky; Blandina Cardenas, President, The University of Texas - Pan American, Edinburg, Texas; Franklyn M. Casale, President, Saint Thomas University, Miami Gardens, Florida; John C. Cavanaugh, President, The University of West Florida, Pensacola, Florida; Robert I. Fernandez, President, Fernandez & Company, Fort Worth, Texas; Brenda S. Fettrow, Vice President, Resource Development, Brevard Community College, Cocoa, Florida; Mark R. Foley, President, University of Mobile, Mobile, Alabama; Frank Friedman, President, Piedmont Virginia Community College, Charlottesville, Virginia; Kenneth R. Garren, President, Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Virginia; Michael A. Gerber, President, Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education, Atlanta, Georgia; Michele Gerlach, Publisher, *Andalusia Star News*, Andalusia, Alabama; Martin Gonzalez, Provost, Milton Campus, Pensacola Junior College, Milton, Florida; Charles W. Gould, President, Florence-Darlington Technical College, Florence, South Carolina; Thomas L. Hallman, Chancellor, University of South Carolina Aiken, Aiken, South Carolina; Walter Harris, Jr., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Loyola University New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana; John M. Hilpert, President, Delta State University, Cleveland, Mississippi; Carl M. Hite, President, Cleveland State Community College, Cleveland, Tennessee; Augusta

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The following Commission members were not in attendance: Gale Adcock, Director, Corporate Health Services, SAS Health Care Center, Cary, North Carolina; John R. Brazil, President, Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas; Roger G. Brown, Chancellor, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Virginia M. Carson, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Georgia Highlands College, Rome, Georgia; Kent J. Chabotar, President, Guilford College, Greensboro, North Carolina; Charles R. Dassance, President, Central Florida Community College, Ocala, Florida; Deborah L. Diddle, Certified Public Accountant, Knoxville, Tennessee; W. Blaine Early, III, Attorney at Law, Stites & Harbison, Lexington, Kentucky; Martha M. Ellis, President, Lee College, Baytown, Texas; Charles D. Lein, President and Chief Operating Officer, Stuller, Inc., Lafayette, Louisiana; Robert A. Levy, Vice President for Academic Affairs, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee;

Kenneth H. MacKay, Jr., Former Lt. Governor of Florida, Ocklawaha, Florida; Eric B. McKeithan, President, Cape Fear Community College, Wilmington, North Carolina; Royce L. Money, President, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas; James R. Ramsey, President, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky; Rafael Rangel-Sostmann, President, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Monterrey N.L. Mexico; Daniel D. Reneau, President, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana; Denise M.

Trauth, President, Texas State University-San Marcos, San Marcos, Texas; and Robert F. Ward, President, Windmill Properties, Inc., Meridian, Mississippi.

The Commission approved the minutes of its December 2006 Executive Business Meeting. Summaries of the minutes of the December 2006 and February 2007 Executive Council meetings were presented to the Commission as information.

Report from the Chair

Chair Stone reported that during its meetings on June 19-20, 2006, the Executive Council discussed or took the following actions regarding procedures and policies:

1. Approved the 2007-2008 budget of the Commission on Colleges.
2. Approved the 2007-2008 goals of the Commission on Colleges.
3. Approved an investment statement for the Commission's Reserve Fund. The statement sets forth the expectations, strategies, responsibilities and parameters relative to investments and the reporting of those investments.
4. Approved an agreement between the Commission and the Association of Theological Schools establishing a formal policy and procedures by which both agencies can conduct joint Reaffirmation Committee visits to free-standing theological schools that are accredited by both agencies.
5. In February, approved a statement to be incorporated into the Commission's application procedures that makes it clear that formerly accredited institutions seeking to regain membership must follow the same procedures as any other applicant institution.
6. Reviewed a second draft of a *Handbook for the Executive Council*. This handbook outlines the responsibilities of council members and explains their role in the operation of Commission activities.
7. Reviewed a first draft of a position statement on diversity.
8. Forwarded to the Commission proposed changes to the *Principles of Accreditation* in areas remanded in December 2006 during the College Delegate Assembly Business Meeting, changes to three current Commission policies, and the adoption of two new CRAC policies.

In addition, the Chair spent considerable time discussing with the Commission the current and possible effects of organizational changes to the SACS corporate structure and finances since SACS/CASI separately incorporated in Pennsylvania and also merged with North Central's CASI. He also updated the Commission about its litigation with Hiwassee College.

Report from the President of the Commission

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President of the Commission, thanked the Commission and staff for their support and assistance this past year. She expressed appreciation to the council and C & R readers for their diligence and time in preparing for and making decisions regarding policy and the accreditation of institutions. Wheelan updated the Commission on the regional commissions and their strategy for affecting changes to the reauthorization of the Higher Education Amendments; presented the Commission's budget and entertained questions about some of the line items; explained and commented on

the success of the new small college initiative; and updated the Commissioner regarding the staff's distance learning committee, the reaffirmation survey sent to institutions recently reaffirmed under the *Principles*, the QEP Summit and its development of a resource booklet, and the upcoming Summer Institute.

Actions on Accreditation

The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools approved the following actions of the Committees on Compliance and Reports and the Executive Council:

The Commission reaffirmed the accreditation of the following institutions:

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Tifton, Ga.
(Reviewed as a Level I institution)
Allen University, Columbia, S.C.
Cape Fear Community College, Wilmington, N.C.
Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, N.C.
Craven Community College, New Bern, N.C.
Davidson College, Davidson, N.C.
Durham Technical Community College, Durham, N.C.
East Mississippi Community College, Scooba, Miss.
Emmanuel College, Franklin Springs, Ga.
Florida College, Temple Terrace, Fla.
Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, Ga.
Gordon College, Barnesville, Ga.
(Reviewed as a Level I institution)
Guilford College, Greensboro, N.C.
Gwinnett Technical College, Lawrenceville, Ga.
Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, Va.
Hazard Community and Technical College, Hazard, Ky.
Hillsborough Community College, Tampa, Fla.
Hinds Community College, Raymond, Miss.
Howard College, Big Spring, Tex.
Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N.C.
Keiser University, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
(Reviewed as a Level II institution)
Madisonville Community College, Madisonville, Ky.
Northwest Mississippi Community College, Senatobia, Miss.
Presbyterian College, Clinton, S.C.
St. John Vianney College Seminary, Miami, Fla.
Savannah Technical College, Savannah, Ga.
Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College, Cumberland, Ky.
Southwestern Community College, Sylva, N.C.
Texas State Technical College – Marshall, Marshall, Tex.
Tidewater Community College, Norfolk, Va.
Tri-County Technical College, Pendleton, S.C.
Trinity Valley Community College, Athens, Tex.
Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va.
Wofford College, Spartanburg, S.C.

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

Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, Salisbury, N.C.
Southwest Texas Junior College, Uvalde, Tex.
Southwestern Adventist University, Keene, Tex.

The Commission granted initial accreditation to the following institutions:

(effective January 1, 2007)

Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, Tex. (Level V)
(Formerly accredited as part of Texas Christian University)
South Louisiana
Community College, Lafayette, La. (Level I)
West Georgia Technical College, LaGrange, Ga. (Level I)

The Commission granted initial candidacy to the following institutions:

(effective June 21, 2007)

Gateway Community and Technical College,
Fort Mitchell, Ky.
L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College, Houma, La.
Louisiana Delta Community College, Monroe, La.
Okefenokee Technical College, Waycross, Ga.

The Commission authorized a candidacy committee to the following institutions:

Appalachian Technical College, Jasper, Ga.
Swainsboro Technical College, Swainsboro, Ga.

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

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Tifton, Ga.
Moved from Level I to Level II to offer the Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Turfgrass and Golf Course Management and in Diversified Agriculture
Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences, Orlando, Fla.
Moved from Level II to Level III to offer the Master of Science degree in Nurse Anesthesia
Indian River Community College, Fort Pierce, Fla.
Moved from Level I to Level II to offer the Bachelor of Applied Science, Bachelor of Science in Education, and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees
Oakwood College, Huntsville, Ala.
Moved from Level II to Level III to offer the Master of Arts degree in Pastoral Studies
Reinhardt College, Waleska, Ga.
Moved from Level II to Level III to offer the Master of Business Administration degree
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton, Tex.
Moved from Level III to Level V to offer the Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership
Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Ky.
Moved from Level IV to Level V to offer the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership degree

The Commission approved the following substantive change:

Converse College, Spartanburg, S.C.
Approved the Master of Education degree at Beaufort, South Carolina

Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Ky
Approved the Master of Education degree in Instructional Leadership and the K-12 Principal's Certificate programs to off-campus cohorts of students

Jackson State University, Jackson, Miss.
Approved the Doctor of Public Health degree

Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, N.C.
Approved degree completion programs offered in Washington, N.C.

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.
Approved the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies at Tidewater Community College and the Master of Science in Management of Information Technology degree in Northern Va.

The Commission continued accreditation of the following institutions after review of their participation in the Virtual College of Texas:

Alvin Community College, Alvin, Tex.

Austin Community College, Austin, Tex.

Blinn College, Brenham, Tex.

Brazosport College, Lake Jackson, Tex.

Cisco Junior College, Cisco, Tex.

Clarendon College, Clarendon, Tex.

College of the Mainland, Texas City, Tex.

Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, Tex.

El Paso County Community College, El Paso, Tex.

Frank Phillips College, Borger, Tex.

Galveston College, Galveston, Tex.

Houston Community College, Houston, Tex.

Howard College, Big Spring, Tex.

Kilgore College, Kilgore, Tex.

Laredo Community College, Laredo, Tex.

Lee College, Baytown, Tex.

Midland College, Midland, Tex.

Navarro College, Corsicana, Tex.

North Central Texas College, Gainesville, Tex.

North Harris Montgomery Community College District, The Woodlands, Tex.

Northeast Texas Community College, Mount Pleasant, Tex.

Odessa College, Odessa, Tex.

Panola College, Carthage, Tex.

Paris Junior College, Paris, Tex.

South Plains College, Levelland, Tex.

Southwest Texas Junior College, Uvalde, Tex.

Tarrant County College District, Fort Worth, Tex.

Temple College, Temple, Tex.

Texarkana College, Texarkana, Tex.

Texas State Technical College – Harlingen, Harlingen, Tex.

Texas State Technical College – Marshall, Marshall, Tex.

Texas State Technical College – Waco, Waco, Tex.

Trinity Valley Community College, Athens, Tex.

Tyler Junior College, Tyler, Tex.

University of Texas Brownsville/Texas Southmost College, Brownsville, Tex.

Vernon College, Vernon, Tex.

The Victoria College, Victoria, Tex.

Weatherford College, Weatherford, Tex.

Western Texas College, Snyder, Tex.

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

Art Institute of Atlanta, Atlanta, Ga.
Review of change of ownership from a publicly-traded entity to a privately-held entity

Art Institute of Dallas, Dallas, Tex.
Review of change of ownership from a publicly-traded entity to a privately-held entity

Art Institute of Houston, Houston, Tex.
Review of change of ownership from a publicly-traded entity to a privately-held entity

Clayton State University, Morrow, Ga.
Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Arts in Liberal Arts degree

Daytona Beach Community College, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management degree

Elon University, Elon, N.C.
Review of the School of Law located in Greensboro, N.C.

Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Tex.
Review of the Doctor of Ministry degree offered at Lynchburg College in Virginia

Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Va.
Review of the Master of Education degree in Educational Guidance and Counseling offered at St. Lucia

Miami-Dade College, Miami, Fla.
Review of the Hialeah Campus

Miami International University of Art and Design, Miami, Fla.
Review of change of ownership from a publicly-traded entity to a privately-held entity

Northeast Mississippi Community College, Booneville, Miss.
Review of an off-campus instructional site at New Albany, Miss.

Our Lady of the Lake College, Baton Rouge, La.
Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Science degree in Physician's Assistant, in Anesthesiology, and in Nursing

Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, Ga.
Review of the merger of Savannah College of Art and Design with the Atlanta College of Art

South University, Savannah, Ga.
Review of change of ownership from a publicly-traded entity to a privately-held entity

Southeastern University, Lakeland, Fla.
Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Business Administration and the Master of Arts in Ministerial Leadership degrees

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The Commission removed the following institution from Warning:

South College, Knoxville, Tenn.

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

South Georgia Technical College, Americus, Ga.

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 (Institutional Effectiveness), 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:

Florida National College, Hialeah, Fla.

Denial of membership at Level II to offer the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional Effectiveness), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness), and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Limestone College, Gaffney, S.C.

Denial of membership at Level III to offer the Master of Business Administration degree for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional Effectiveness) and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence) of the Principles of Accreditation

Midway College, Midway, Ky.

Denial of membership at Level III to offer the Master of Business Administration degree for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional Effectiveness), Core Requirement 2.7.2 (Program Content), and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence) of the Principles of Accreditation

South College, Knoxville, Tenn.

Denial of membership at Level III to offer the Master of Science in Imaging Sciences with a concentration in Radiology Practitioner Assistant/Radiology Assistant degree for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence) and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability) of the Principles of Accreditation.

The Commission placed the following institutions on Warning:

Coahoma Community College, Clarksdale, Miss.

For six months for failure to comply with Section 1.1 (Integrity), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Financial Aid Audits), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of Finances), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Dillard University, New Orleans, La.

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.

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

Paul Quinn College, Dallas, Tex.

For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional Effectiveness), Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Core Requirement 2.9 (Learning Resources and Services), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Core Requirement 2.12 (Quality Enhancement Plan), Comprehensive Standard 3.1.1 (Mission), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.1 (Academic Program Approval), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.11 (Academic Program Coordination), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.2 (Faculty Evaluation), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.3 (Faculty Development), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.5 (Faculty Role in Governance), Comprehensive Standard 3.8.1 (Learning/Information Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.8.2 (Instruction of Library Use), Comprehensive Standard 3.8.3 (Qualified Staff), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of Finances), Comprehensive Standard 3.11.3 (Physical Facilities), Federal Requirement 4.1 (Student Achievement), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities) of the Principles of Accreditation.

The Commission placed the following institutions on Probation:

Florida A. & M. University, Tallahassee, Fla.

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), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.2 (Submission of Financial Statements), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Financial Aid Audits), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of Finances), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.5 (Control of Sponsored Research/ External Funds), Comprehensive Standard 3.11.1 (Control of Physical Resources), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, Va.

For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing Board); Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources); Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability); Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Financial Aid Audits); 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 the accreditation of the following institution for good cause and placed it on Probation:

The Criswell College, Dallas, Tex.

For 12 months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability) and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of Finances) of the Principles of Accreditation.

The Commission continued the accreditation of the following institution for good cause and continued it on Probation:

Bishop State Community College, Mobile, Ala.

For six months for failure to comply with Section 1 (Integrity), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.8 (Qualified Administrative/Academic Officers), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (College-Level Competencies), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities) of the Principles of Accreditation.

The Commission removed the following institution from membership:

St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, N.C.
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.

Note: Subsequent to the official action of the Commission on Colleges, the institution appealed the decision. The Commission's decision to remove accreditation was upheld by the Appeals Committee of the College Delegate Assembly during an appeals hearing on August 21, 2007. The institution remains an accredited institution on Probation while in litigation with the Commission.

Other Actions

In addition to decisions regarding institutions, the Commission also took the following actions:

1. Endorsed revisions to Comprehensive Standards 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness) and 3.5.1 (College-level Competencies) of the *Principles of Accreditation* and forwarded the document to the College Delegate Assembly for final approval during its business meeting December 2007.
2. Revised the policy "Standing Rules of the Commission on Colleges and College Delegate Assembly." The revised document (1) modifies the composition of the Commission by designating 10 representatives to be faculty or academic personnel; (2) defines more clearly the authority of the

College Delegate Assembly as it relates to the approval of fees; and (3) allows the Commission's president to authorize a special committee as a procedural option when dealing with unsolicited information.

3. Revised the "Appeals Procedures of the College Delegate Assembly" and forwarded the policy to the membership for final approval during its business meeting in December 2007. The revised document (1) changes the composition of the appeals committee from that of 12 sitting presidents to nine sitting presidents, two faculty/academic personnel, and one public member, all of whom served as former Commissioners; (2) defines what constitutes the "administrative record" of an institution appealing a Commission decision; and (3) requires that the Commission submit a response brief.
4. Revised "Core Requirement 2.7.4 (Documenting an Alternative Approach)." The revised policy expects an institution seeking an exception to CR 2.7.4 to present evidence that the total degree program meets the requirements of all Comprehensive Standards of the Commission in the areas of educational programs and faculty. The old wording referred to the Commission's Accreditation Procedures for guidance and that document no longer addresses the issue.
5. Endorsed two policies from the Council on Regional Accreditation Commissions addressing the following issues: (1) accredited institutions with related entities and (2) institutions that operate interregionally.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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Vice-Chair Reneau called the roll. The following members were in attendance: William T. Abare, Jr., President, Flagler College, St. Augustine, Florida; Linda B. Adair, Executive Vice President, Gulf Coast Community College, Panama City, Florida; John W. Bardo, Chancellor, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina; David L. Beckley, President, Rust College, Holly Springs, Mississippi; Ray L. Belton, Chancellor, Southern University at Shreveport, Shreveport, Louisiana; Larry L. Biddle, Board of Directors, Burroughs & Chapin Company, Conway, South Carolina; Wilsie S. Bishop, Chief Operating Officer and Vice President for Health Affairs, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee; William A. Bloodworth Jr., President, Augusta State University, Augusta, Georgia; Walter M. Bortz III, President, Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, Virginia; Karen A. Bowyer, President, Dyersburg State Community College, Dyersburg, Tennessee; Jennifer L. Braaten, President, Ferrum College, Ferrum, Virginia; Roger G. Brown, Chancellor, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Diane M. Calhoun-French, Provost & Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Jefferson Community & Technical College, Louisville,

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The following Commission members were not in attendance: Gale Adcock, Director, Corporate Health Services, SAS Health Care Center, Cary, North Carolina; Joseph T. Barwick, President, Carteret Community College, Morehead City, North Carolina; Michael A. Battle, President, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia; John R. Brazil, President, Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas; J. Bryan Brooks, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Leadership and Educational Studies, Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina; Blandina Cardenas, President, The University of Texas - Pan American, Edinburg, Texas; Deborah L. Diddle, Certified Public Accountant, Knoxville, Tennessee; W. Blaine Early, III, Attorney at Law, Stites & Harbison, Lexington, Kentucky; Martha M. Ellis, President, Lee College, Baytown, Texas; Augusta A. Julian, President, Maysville Community & Technical College, Maysville, Kentucky; Charles D. Lein, President and Chief Operating Officer, Stuller, Inc., Lafayette, Louisiana; Robert A. Levy, Vice President for Academic Affairs, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee; Claudia A. Limbert, President, Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, Mississippi; Kenneth H. MacKay, Jr., Former Lt. Governor of Florida, Ocklawaha, Florida; Sidney A. McPhee, President, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Audrey Powell, Retired Teacher, Altavista, Virginia; Rafael Rangel-Sostmann, President, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Monterrey N.L. Mexico; Jesse W. Rogers, President, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas; and Robert F. Ward, President, Windmill Properties, Inc., Meridian, Mississippi.

The Commission approved the minutes of its June 2007 Executive Business Meeting. A summary of the minutes of the June 2007 Executive Council meeting was presented to the Commission as information.

Report from the Chair

Chair Stone reported that during sessions on December 7-9, 2007, the Executive Council took the following actions:

1. Reviewed and commented on a draft policy for the transfer of an institution's accreditation from one region to another. The Executive Council will review the policy after Commission staff has had an opportunity to look at the council's comments and to forward any proposed revisions.
2. Adopted a *Handbook for the Executive Council* that will serve as its procedural document.
3. Adopted a statement that no longer allows the Commission to reaffirm an institution that does not comply with all the Core Requirements, including Core Requirement 2.12, effective beginning with the 2010 reaffirmation class. This exception was the practice since 2004 and had been approved by the Council to allow institutions and reviewers time to find acceptable thresholds for meeting the requirement. Since the Commission has been working with the *Principles* for five years, the flexibility is no longer necessary. Staff was requested to prepare a document on how the statement approved by the council might be implemented.
4. Approved the appointment of a peer advisory committee that would report to the commission's President and

- would provide advice and guidance to the Commission staff on ways to enhance efficiency, effectiveness, and value to the Commission's peer-review process, particularly in the areas of training and the evaluator registry.
5. Endorsed a Diversity Position Statement that asks institutions to promote and sustain diversity subject to an institution's unique mission and culture. It is neither a policy nor a standard.
6. Reviewed and forwarded to Commission staff some preliminary revisions to the Special Committee policy. The proposed change primarily guarantees an institution additional time to respond to any recommendations in the report of the Special Committee. The policy requires staff to conduct the Special Committee at least four weeks in advance of the final mailing to the Commission for review, regardless of the request of an institution to host the visit later.
7. Discussed strategies to make the membership more aware of the requirements of the Commission's Substantive Change policy. With the adoption in December 2006 of Comprehensive Standard 3.12.1 requiring notification and approval of some types of substantive changes, failure to report substantive change in accordance with the Commission's policy violates not only policy but also a standard.

8. Reviewed and forwarded to the Commission a revised policy called "Litigation: Institutional Obligations."

Chair Stone asked COC legal counsel to update the Commissioners regarding its litigation with Hiwassee College and St. Andrews Presbyterian College.

Chair Stone reported on a call meeting of the council on November 6, 2007, to consider its response to the U.S. Department of Education's request for an interim report. Acting for the Commission, the council revised the following three Commission policies: (1) "Appeals Procedures of the College Delegate Assembly," revising the composition of the

appeals committee by adding another public member; (2) "Third-Party Comment," clarifying deadlines for submitting third-party comments about an institution applying for membership or undergoing reaffirmation; and (3) "Complaint Policy," modifying procedures so that filing a complaint against the Commission extends beyond procedural complaints. The "Appeals Procedures" will be forwarded to the College Delegate Assembly for final vote on Tuesday, December 11, 2007; the other two policies were referred to the Commission as information.

Recognition of Retiring Commissioners

The Chair recognized Commissioners whose terms expired December 2007 and commended them for their many contributions. Retiring Commissioners included the following: Bill Bloodworth, Larry Biddle, Walter Bortz, John Brazil, Jim Krudop, Chuck Lein, Bob Levy, Claudia Limbert, Audrey Powell, Hal Smith, and George Wright. Belle S. Wheelan, President of the Commission, presented gifts of appreciation to each of the retiring members for their many years of service. She also commented on the great group of retiring volunteers whose strength had made a mark on the work of the commission. She also presented a special gift in appreciation of the leadership of Dan Reneau, who will continue as a Commissioner but completed three years on the Executive Council while serving one as vice chair.

Wheelan continued with her presentation by expressing her appreciation to all commission members and C & R chairs for their dedication and service and for their support. She updated the commissioners on finances, the progress of the HEA reauthorization bill, the Commission's review by the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, the activities of special study committees, the Summer Institute, and the Commission's small college initiative program.

Report of the Nominating Committee Regarding Nominees to the Commission and Election of the 2008 Executive Council

The Commission on Colleges reviewed the slate of nominees presented by the nominating committee chaired by Linwood Rose, President of James Madison University, and approved the following list of individuals to serve as members of the 2008 Executive Council of the Commission on Colleges: Phillip C. Stone (Chair), President, Bridgewater College, Virginia; Elva Concha LeBlanc (Vice Chair), President, Tarrant County College, Northwest Campus, Texas; Karen Bowyer, President, Dyersburg State Community College, Tennessee; Virginia Carson, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Georgia Highlands College, Georgia; John C. Cavanaugh, President, The University of West Florida, Florida; Kent Chabotar, President, Guilford College, North Carolina; Mark Foley, President, University of Mobile, Alabama; Frank Friedman, President, Piedmont Virginia Community College, Virginia; John Hilpert, President, Delta State University, Mississippi; Kenneth MacKay, Jr., Former Lt. Governor of Florida; Gloria W. Raines, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Louisiana State University in Shreveport, Louisiana; James Ramsey, President, University of Louisville, Kentucky; and Henry Tisdale, President, Claflin University, South Carolina.

The reports from the nominating committee for the Commission on Colleges regarding nominees to the Commission and to the appeals committee were presented as information. Chair Stone thanked the members of the 2007 Executive Council for coordinating the nominating processes in their respective states.

Actions on Accreditation

At its meeting on December 10, 2007, the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools 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:

Amberton University, Garland, Tex.
Averett University, Danville, Va.
Baylor University, Waco, Tex.
Belhaven College, Jackson, Miss.
Christopher Newport University, Newport News, Va.
College of Charleston, Charleston, S.C.
Converse College, Spartanburg, S.C.
Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Ga.
Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Ky.
Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va.
Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, N.C.
Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex.
Hollins University, Roanoke, Va.
Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Ga.
Lander University, Greenwood, S.C.
Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tenn.
Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, Va.
McNeese State University, Lake Charles, La.
Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, S.C.
(includes approval of an exception to CR 2.7.4)
Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn.
North Georgia College and State University, Dahlonega, Ga.
Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, La.
Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Piedmont College, Demorest, Ga.
St. Edward's University, Austin, Tex.
Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.
Spalding University, Louisville, Ky.
Union University, Jackson, Tenn.
Universidad de las Americas-A.C., Mexico City, Mexico
University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky.
University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Tex.
University of Texas-Pan American, Edinburg, Tex.
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.
Webber International University, Babson Park, Fla.
Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, N.C.

The Commission reaffirmed accreditation of the following institution and removed it from sanction:

LeMoyne-Owen College, Memphis, Tenn.
(removed from Probation)

The Commission granted initial accreditation to the following institutions:

American University in Dubai, Dubai, United Arab Emirates *(Level III)*
(formerly accredited as part of the American InterContinental University)
Valdosta Technical College, Valdosta, Ga. *(Level I)*

The Commission granted initial candidacy to the following institutions:

Appalachian Technical College, Jasper, Ga.
Swainsboro Technical College, Swainsboro, Ga.

The Commission authorized candidacy committees to the following institutions:

Altamaha Technical College, Jesup, Ga.
American College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, Houston, Tex.
Georgia Gwinnett College, Lawrenceville, Ga.

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

Clearwater Christian College, Clearwater, Fla.
Moved from Level II to Level III offering the Master of Education in Educational Leadership degree
Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Ky.
Moved from Level IV to Level V offering the Doctor of Education degree
Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, Fla.
Moved from Level III to Level V offering the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree
Florida National College, Hialeah, Fla.
Moved from Level I to Level II offering the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree
Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing, Hyden, Ky.
Moved from Level III to Level V offering the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree
Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tenn.
Moved from Level III to Level V offering the Doctor of Pharmacy degree
Midway College, Midway, Ky.
Moved from Level II to Level III offering the Master of Business Administration degree
Radford University, Radford, Va.
Moved from Level IV to Level V offering the Doctor of Psychology in Counseling degree
South College, Knoxville, Tenn.
Moved from Level II to Level III offering the Master of Health Science in Physician Assistant degree
Sullivan University, Louisville, Ky.
Moved from Level III to Level V offering the Doctor of Pharmacy degree
University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Tex.
Moved from Level III to Level V offering the Ph.D. in Nursing degree

The Commission approved substantive changes for the following member institutions:

Central Carolina Community College, Sanford, N. C.

Approved the following previously unreported substantive changes: (1) initiation of the Dunn Cosmetology site, the Central Carolina Dental Center in Sanford (AAS in Dental Hygiene, Dental Assisting Diploma), the Emergency Services Training Center, the SAGE Metal Shop in Siler City, the Sculpture/Pottery Studio at the Arts Incubator in Siler City (AAS in Professional Arts and Crafts - Sculpture, and Certificate in Professional Arts and Crafts - Metal Sculpture), and the West Harnett Center in Johnsonville, N. C. (Certificate in Barbering) and (2) implementation of the following programs: AAS in Library and Information Technology, Diploma in Library and Information Technology, Certificate in Library Cataloging, Certificate in Library Programs, Certificate in Public Library Services, Certificate in Library Technical Services, Certificate in Library Basics, AAS in Sustainable Agriculture, Certificate in Agricultural Sustainability, Certificate in Sustainable Livestock Systems, Certificate in Sustainable Vegetable Production, AAS in Bioprocess Technology, Certificate in Bioprocess Manufacturing Technology, Bioprocess Technology Certificate, and Diploma and Certificate in Automotive Restoration Technology.

Germanna Community College, Locust Grove, Va.

Approved the following previously unreported substantive changes: the initiation of three off-campus instructional sites located at Coffeewood Correctional Center, GEICO Regional Headquarters, and the Germanna Center for Advanced Technology at Culpepper, Va.

Lord Fairfax Community College, Middletown, Va.

Approved the following previously unreported substantive changes: (1) implementation of the Career Studies Certificate in Photography; (2) initiation of the Luray Page County Center in Luray, Va.; and (3) initiation of dual enrollment sites in Clarke County High School in Berryville, James Wood High School in Winchester, John Handley High School in Winchester, Notre Dame Academy in Middleburg, Sherando High School in Stephens City, Triplett Business and Technical Institute in Mt. Jackson, and Warren County High School in Front Royal, Va.

University of Houston-Clear Lake, Houston, Tex.

Approved the following previously unreported substantive change: Master of Science in Educational Management with a Principal's Certification offered at Taylor High School and at Alvin Community College

University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla.

Approved the following previously unreported substantive changes: Master of Science in Industrial Engineering (MSIE), Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering (MSME), and Master of Science with a concentration in Management of Technology (MSMOT), all offered at West Palm Beach, Fla.; and Master of Science in Industrial Engineering (MSIE) and Master of Science with a concentration in Management of Technology (MSMOT), both offered in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Pembroke, N.C.

Approved the following previously unreported substantive change: the initiation of an off-campus instructional site at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

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

Athens Technical College, Athens, Ga.

Review of off-campus sites offered at Greene County Technical Education Center and Walton County Education Center

Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona Beach, Fla

Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Science in Transformative Leadership degree

Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss

Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Education in Elementary Education degree

Bryan College, Dayton, Tenn

Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Business Administration degree

College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va.

Review of the Executive Master of Business Administration degree offered at a new instructional site in Reston, Va.

Edison College, Fort Myers, Fla.

Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Public Safety Management

Gainesville State College, Gainesville, Ga.

Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Science and the Bachelor of Applied Science degrees

George Mason University, Fairfax, Va.

Review of a new campus in Ras al Khaimah, United Arab Emirates

Keiser University, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Business Administration degree

Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Ga

Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Education in Leadership for Learning degree with an embedded Specialist in Education degree

Marion Military Institute, Marion, Ala.

Review of change of ownership from a private, independent junior college to a public, two-year College under the ownership, governance, and control by the Alabama State Board of Education

North Greenville University, Tigerville, S.C.

Review of the Master of Christian Ministry degree and the Master of Business Administration degree

South University, Savannah, Ga.

Review of a new campus in Tampa, Fla.

Southwestern Community College, Sylva, N.C.

Review of the new instructional site in Macon County, Franklin, N.C.

Technical College of the Lowcountry, Beaufort, S.C.

Review of the New River Campus

The Commission continued the accreditation of the following institution following review of a Special Report on finances:

Livingstone College, Salisbury, N.C.

The Commission removed the following institutions from Warning:

Coahoma Community College, Clarksdale, Miss.

Crichton College, Memphis, Tenn.

Dillard University, New Orleans, La.

Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Randolph College, Lynchburg, Va.

The Commission removed the following institutions from Probation:

American InterContinental University, Atlanta, Ga.

Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, S.C.

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

Barton College, Wilson, N.C.

Denied membership at Level III to offer the Master of Education in Elementary Education degree for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), and Comprehensive Standard 3.8.1 (Learning/Information Resources) of the Principles of Accreditation.

The Commission denied approval of substantive change for the following institution:

College of Charleston, Charleston, S.C.

Denied approval of the following unreported substantive changes: the B.S. in Astrophysics, B.A. in Astronomy, and the M.A. in Teaching (Performing Arts). The prospectuses submitted by the College did not provide the level of detail and specificity necessary for reviewers to approve the programs.

The Commission placed the following institutions on Warning:

Central Carolina Community College, Sanford, N.C.

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

Louisburg College, Louisburg, N.C.

For six months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Miami International University of Art and Design, Miami, Fla.

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional Effectiveness), Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Core Requirement 2.9 (Learning Resources and Services), Core Requirement 2.10 (Student Support Services), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.8 (Qualified Administrative/Academic Officers), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.6 (Practices for Awarding Credit), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence), Comprehensive Standard 3.14.1 (Publication of Accredited Status), Federal Requirement 4.1 (Student Achievement), and Federal Requirement 4.6 (Recruitment Materials) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Spring Hill College, Mobile, Ala.

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.

University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla.

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

University of South Florida St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg, Fla.

For six months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (College-Level Competencies) and Federal Requirement 4.1 (Student Achievement) of the Principles of Accreditation.

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

Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Ga.

For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), 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.

Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic, Spartanburg, S.C.
For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.12 (Quality Enhancement Plan) of the Principles of Accreditation.

The Commission placed the following institution on Probation:

Texas Southern University, Houston, Tex.

For 12 months for failure to comply with Principle 1.1 (Integrity), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial 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.

The Commission continued the following institutions on Probation:

Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University, Tallahassee, Fla.

For six 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 3.10.2 (Submission of Financial Statements), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Financial Aid Audits), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of Finances), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.5 (Control of Sponsored Research/ External Funds), Comprehensive Standard 3.11.1 (Control of Physical Resources), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, Va.

For 12 months 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 3.5.4 (Terminal Degrees of Faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.11.3 (Physical Facilities) of the Principles of Accreditation.

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

Fundacion Universidad de las Americas-Puebla, Puebla, Mexico

For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing Board), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.4 (External Influence), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.10 (Administrative Staff Evaluations), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.1 (Academic Program Approval), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (College-Level Competencies), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Tex.

For 12 months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (College-Level Competencies) of the Principles of Accreditation.

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

Bishop State Community College, Mobile, Ala.

For 12 months for failure to comply with Principle 1.1 (Integrity), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (College-Level Competencies), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities) of the Principles of Accreditation.

In accordance with the "Standing Rules of the Commission on Colleges," members of the Commission abstained from the vote on the accreditation status of their respective institutions, affiliated institutions, and recognized conflicts of interest.

Other Actions

In addition to actions taken on the accreditation of institutions, the Commission approved a revised policy entitled, "Litigation: Institutional Obligations." The policy incorporates Article XV of the bylaws of SACS into a COC policy so as to better inform the membership that legal action against the Commission is to be filed in the United States District Court in the Northern District of Georgia.

The revised policy is posted on the Commission's Web site at www.sacscoc.org, click "Policies and Publications."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Commission on Colleges: June 26, 2008

The Commission on Colleges met in executive session on Thursday, June 26, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. at the Grove Park Inn and Resort, Asheville, North Carolina. Philip Stone, President of Bridgewater College and Chair of the Commission, presided. Elva LeBlanc, President of Tarrant County College, Northwest Campus and Vice Chair of the Commission, served as recorder.

Dr. LeBlanc called the roll. The following Commission members were in attendance: William T. Abare, Jr., President, Flagler College, St. Augustine, Florida; Linda B. Adair, Executive Vice President, Gulf Coast Community College, Panama City, Florida; Gale Adcock, Director, Corporate Health Services, SAS Health Care Center, Carey, North Carolina; Belinda C. Anderson, President, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia; John W. Bardo, Chancellor, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina; Joseph T. Barwick, President, Carteret Community College, Morehead City, North Carolina; Michael A. Battle, President, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia; David L. Beckley, President, Rust College, Holly Springs, Mississippi; Ray L. Belton, Chancellor, Southern University at Shreveport, Shreveport, Louisiana; Wilsie Bishop, Chief Operating Officer and Vice President for Health Affairs, East Tennessee State University, Karen A. Bowyer, President, Dyersburg State Community College, Dyersburg, Tennessee; Jennifer L. Braaten, President, Ferrum College, Ferrum, Virginia; Roger G. Brown, Chancellor, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Diane M. Calhoun-French, Provost & Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Jefferson Community & Technical College, Louisville, Kentucky; Blandina Cardenas, President, The University of Texas - Pan American, Edinburg, Texas; Virginia M. Carson, Interim President, South Georgia College, Douglas, Georgia; Franklyn M. Casale, President, Saint Thomas University, Miami Gardens, Florida; Kent J. Chabotar, President, Guilford College, Greensboro, North Carolina; Charles R. Dassance, President, Central Florida Community College, Ocala, Florida; Gregory A. Davis, Sr., Executive Director, CAJUNDOME, Lafayette, Louisiana; Deborah L. Diddle, Certified Public Accountant, Knoxville, Tennessee; W. Blaine Early III, Attorney at Law, Stites & Harbison, PLLC, Lexington, Kentucky; Brenda S. Fettrow, Vice President, Resource Development,

Brevard Community College, Cocoa, Florida; Mark R. Foley, President, University of Mobile, Mobile, Alabama; Frank Friedman, President, Piedmont Virginia Community College, Charlottesville, Virginia; Kenneth R. Garren, President, Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Virginia; Michael A. Gerber, President, Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education, Atlanta, Georgia; Martin Gonzalez, Provost, Milton Campus, Pensacola Junior College, Milton, Florida; Charles W. Gould, President, Florence-Darlington Technical College, Florence, South Carolina; Thomas L. Hallman, Chancellor, University of South Carolina Aiken, Aiken, South Carolina; Walter Harris, Jr., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Loyola University New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana; Vicki P. Hawsey, President, Wallace State Community College, Hanceville, Alabama; John M. Hilpert, President, Delta State University, Cleveland, Mississippi; Carl M. Hite, President, Cleveland State Community College, Cleveland, Tennessee; Robin W. Hoffman, President, DeKalb Technical College, Clarkston, Georgia; Augusta A. Julian, President, Bluegrass Community & Technical College, Lexington, Kentucky; Keith P. Keeran, President, Kentucky Christian University, Grayson, Kentucky; Mary P. Kirk, President, Montgomery Community College, Troy, North Carolina; Elva Concha LeBlanc, President, Tarrant County College, Northwest Campus, Fort Worth, Texas; William T. Luckey, Jr., President, Lindsey Wilson College, Columbia, Kentucky; Harold L. Martin Sr., Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, The University of North Carolina General Administration, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Eric B. McKeithan, President, Cape Fear Community College, Wilmington, North Carolina; Royce L. Money, President, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas; Eddie N. Moore Jr., President, Virginia State University, Petersburg, Virginia; Bruce T. Murphy, Chief Academic Officer, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama; Darrell F. Parker, Dean, Johnson College of Business and Economics, University of South Carolina Upstate, Spartanburg, South Carolina; Martin H. Posey, Professor and Chair, Department of Biology and Marine Biology, University of North Carolina Wilmington, Wilmington, North Carolina; Gloria W. Raines, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Louisiana State University in Shreveport, Shreveport, Louisiana; James R. Ramsey, President, University

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The following Commission members were not in attendance: Pamela D. Anglin, President, Paris Junior College, Paris, Texas; Martha M. Ellis, Associate Vice Chancellor Community College Partnerships, University of Texas System, Austin, Texas; Robert I. Fernandez, President, Fernandez & Company, CPA's, Fort Worth, Texas; Michele Gerlach, Publisher, Andalusia Star

News, Andalusia, Alabama; Jack R. Lohmann, Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Development, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia; L. Randolph Lowry, III, President, Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tennessee; William A. McIntosh, President and Chief Executive Officer, National D-Day Memorial Foundation, Bedford, Virginia; Sidney A. McPhee, President, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Emma B. Perry, Dean of Libraries, Southern University and A & M College, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Vivian M. Presley, President, Coahoma Community College, Clarksdale, Mississippi; Daniel D. Reneau, President, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana; Beheruz N. Sethna, President, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia; Charles P. Teague, President, Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, South Carolina; and L. Steve Thornburg, President, Cleveland Community College, Shelby, North Carolina.

The Commission approved the minutes of its December 2007 Executive Business Meeting. Summaries of the minutes of the December 2007 and February 2008 Executive Council meetings were presented to the Commission as information.

Report from the Chair

Chair Stone reported that during its meetings on June 24-25, 2008, the Executive Council discussed or took the following actions regarding procedures and policies:

- 1 Approved the 2008-2009 budget of the Commission on Colleges.
- 2 Approved the 2008-2009 goals of the Commission on Colleges.
- 3 Authorized the statewide review of online courses offered from a single Web site by institutions in the Louisiana Community and Technical College system.

- 4 Authorized staff to develop an alternative approach for institutions seeking to offer a joint degree with institutions not accredited by the Commission.

In addition, the Chair spent considerable time discussing organizational changes of SACS/CASI, changes to the SACS corporate structure, and the incorporation of SACS/COC. He called on Patrick McKee, COC legal counsel, to update the Commission on all litigation.

Recognition of Outgoing Commissioners

The Chair recognized the retirement of Linda Adair from the Commission. He thanked her for her remarkable service, leadership, and long-term dedication to the work of the Commission.

Report from the President of the Commission

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President of the Commission, thanked the Commission and staff for their support and assistance. She expressed appreciation to the council and C & R readers for their diligence and time in preparing for and making decisions regarding policy and the accreditation of institutions. Wheelan updated the Commission on the regional commissions and their strategy for affecting changes to the reauthorization of the Higher Education Amendments; presented the Commission's budget and entertained questions about some of the line items; and updated them regarding the upcoming Summer Institute.

Report from the Nominating Committee for the Chairs of the Committees on Compliance and Reports

The Nominating Committee of the Committees on Compliance and Reports presented nominees for the chairs of the 2008-09 Committees on Compliance and Reports. The Commission's process for selecting chairs of C & R Committees requires that retiring Commissioners create a slate of nominees from those commissioners who have served at least one year on the Commission, have attended two meetings of the C & R committees, have demonstrated knowledge of the *Principles of Accreditation* and its application, and have the leadership skills to maintain the integrity of the process.

The following commissioners were nominated and elected: William Abare, President, Flagler College, Fla.; Diane Calhoun-French, Provost & Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Jefferson Community & Technical College, Ky.; Robin W. Hoffman, President, DeKalb Technical College, Clarkston, Ga.; Keith P. Keeran, President, Kentucky Christian University, Ky.; Harold Martin, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, The University of North Carolina General

Administration, N.C.; and Denise Trauth, President, Texas State University-San Marcos, Tex.

Members of the nominating committee were: Mark Foley (Chair), President, University of Mobile, Ala.; Linda Adair, Executive Vice President, Gulf Coast Community College, Fla.;

Eric McKeithan, President, Cape Fear Community College, N.C.; David Beckley, President, Rust College, Miss.; and Gale Adcock, Director, Corporate Health Services, SAS Health Care Center, Carey, N.C.

Actions on Accreditation

The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools approved the following actions of the Committees on Compliance and Reports and the Executive Council:

The Commission reaffirmed the accreditation of the following institutions:

Alice Lloyd College, Pippa Passes, Ky.
Ashland Community and Technical College, Ashland, Ky.
Baptist College of Florida, Graceville, Fla.
Beacon College, Leesburg, Fla.
Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Prestonsburg, Ky.
Bossier Parish Community College, Bossier City, La.
Central Carolina Community College, Sanford, N.C.
Chipola College, Marianna, Fla.
Coastal Carolina Community College, Jacksonville, N.C.
Delgado Community College, New Orleans, La.
Dyersburg State Community College, Dyersburg, Tenn.
Gadsden State Community College, Gadsden, Ala.
Georgia Highlands College, Rome, Ga.
Germanna Community College, Locust Grove, Va.
Itawamba Community College, Fulton, Miss.
Jones County Junior College, Ellisville, Miss.
Kentucky Wesleyan College, Owensboro, Ky.
Lord Fairfax Community College, Middletown, Va.
Lurleen B. Wallace Community College, Andalusia, Ala.
Mississippi Delta Community College, Moorhead, Miss.
Mitchell Community College, Statesville, N.C.
Motlow State Community College, Lynchburg, Tenn.
Nashville State Technical Community College, Nashville, Tenn.
New River Community College, Dublin, Va.
Northeastern Technical College, Cheraw, S.C.
Patrick Henry Community College, Martinsville, Va.
Pensacola Junior College, Pensacola, Fla.
Piedmont Technical College, Greenwood, S.C.
Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va.
Reinhardt College, Waleska, Ga. (*Reviewed as a Level II institution*)
Saint Catharine College, Saint Catharine, Ky.
St. Petersburg College, St. Petersburg, Fla.
Southside Virginia Community College, Alberta, Va.
Texas Lutheran University, Seguin, Tex.
Virginia Highlands Community College, Abington, Va.
Walters State Community College, Morristown, Tenn.
West Kentucky Community and Technical College, Paducah, Ky.
Western Texas College, Snyder, Tex.

The Commission granted initial accreditation to the following institutions:

(retroactive to January 1, 2008)

North Georgia Technical College, Clarkesville, Ga. (*Level 1*)
Southeastern Technical College, Vidalia, Ga. (*Level 1*)

The Commission granted initial candidacy to the following institutions:

(effective June 26, 2008)

Academy of Oriental Medicine at Austin, Austin, Tex.
American College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, Houston, Tex.
Bowling Green Technical College, Bowling Green, Ky.
Everglades University, Boca Raton, Fla.
Georgia Gwinnett College, Lawrenceville, Ga.

The Commission authorized candidacy committees to the following institutions:

Ave Maria University, Naples, Fla.
Watkins College of Art and Design, Nashville, Tenn.

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

Angelo State University, San Angelo, Tex.
Moved from Level III to Level V to offer the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree
Auburn University at Montgomery, Montgomery, Ala.
Moved from Level IV to Level V to offer the joint Ph.D. degree in Public Administration and Public Policy with Auburn University (includes approval of alternative to CR 2.7.4)
Broward Community College, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Moved from Level I to Level II to offer the Bachelor of Science in Teacher Education degree
Louisiana College, Pineville, La.
Moved from Level II to Level III to offer a Master of Arts in Teaching degree
Universidad de las Americas-A.C., Mexico City, Mexico
Moved from Level III to Level V to offer to offer the Doctor of Psychology degree
University of the Cumberland, Williamsburg, Ky.
Moved from Level III to Level V to offer the Ed.D. degree with concentrations in P-12 leadership and higher education leadership

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The Commission approved substantive change for the following member institution:

Middle Georgia College, Cochran, Ga.

Approved the merger/consolidation of Middle Georgia College and Georgia Aviation and Technical College

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

Central Carolina Community College, Sanford, N.C.

Review of the following: (1) initiation of the Dunn Cosmetology site, the Coastal Carolina Dental Center in Sanford (AAS in Dental Hygiene, Dental Assisting Diploma), the Emergency Services Training Center, the SAGE Metal Shop in Siler City, the Sculpture/Pottery Studio at the Arts Incubator in Siler City (AAS in Professional Arts and Crafts - Sculpture, and Certificate in Professional Arts and Crafts - Metal Sculpture), and the West Harnett Center in Johnsonville, N.C. (Certificate in Barbering) and (2) implementation of the following programs: AAS in Library and Information Technology, Diploma in Library and Information Technology, Certificate in Library Cataloging, Certificate in Library Programs, Certificate in Library Public Services, Certificate in Library Technical Services, Certificate in Library Basics, AAS in Sustainable Agriculture, Certificate in Agricultural Sustainability, Certificate in Sustainable Livestock Systems, Certificate in Sustainable Vegetable Production, AAS in Bioprocess Technology, Certificate in Bioprocess Manufacturing Technology, Bioprocess Technology Certificate, and Diploma and Certificate in Automotive Restoration Technology.

Coosa Valley Technical College, Rome, Ga.

Review of the Commercial Truck Driving Certificate of Credit program offered at the off-campus instructional site in Calhoun, Ga.

Florida Community College at Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Fla.

Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Applied Science in Fire Science Management degree

Middle Georgia College, Cochran, Ga.

Review of membership at Level II to offer the Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management degree

Mississippi Delta Community College, Moorhead, Miss.

Review of associate degree programs offered at the Greenwood Center facility

Queens University of Charlotte, Charlotte, N.C.

Review of the Associate of Science in Nursing degree program offered at the East Fifth Street site in Charlotte, N.C.

Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, La.

Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Education in Leadership degree in collaboration with the University of Louisiana at Lafayette

University of Houston – Clear Lake, Houston, Tex.

Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership degree

University of Mary-Hardin Baylor, Belton, Tex.

Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership degree

The Commission removed the following institutions from Warning:

Central Carolina Community College, Sanford, N.C.

University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla.

The Commission removed the following institutions from Probation:

The Criswell College, Dallas, Tex.

Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University,
Tallahassee, Fla.

The Commission on Colleges authorized a Special Committee to visit the following institution:

South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, S.C.

To review continued compliance with the following sections of the Principles of Accreditation: Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing Board), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.6 (Board/Administration Distinction), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.11 (Control of Intercollegiate Athletics), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.12 (Fund-Raising Activities), and Comprehensive Standard 3.4.10 (Responsibility for Curriculum).

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

Kentucky Wesleyan University, Owensboro, Ky.

Denied approval at Level III to offer a Master of Business Administration degree for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.4.6 (Practices for Awarding Credit), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.11 (Academic Program Coordination), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Credentials), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.2 (Submission of Financial Statements) of the Principles of Accreditation.

The Commission denied approval of substantive change for the following institution:

North Carolina Central University, Durham, N.C.

Denied approval of the programs offered at New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in Lithonia, Georgia: Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, in General Business Administration, and in Hospitality and Tourism for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.9 (Learning Resources and Services), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competency), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.2 (Submission of Financial Statements).

The Commission placed the following institutions on Warning:

Florida Memorial University, Miami Gardens, Fla.

For 12 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.

Hinds Community College, Raymond, Miss.

For six months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.4.6 (Practices for Awarding Credit) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Texas State Technical College Marshall, Marshall, Tex.

For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.12 (Quality Enhancement Plan) and Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness) of the Principles of Accreditation.

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

South Georgia College, Douglas, Ga.

For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.12 (Quality Enhancement Plan), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness), and Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (College-Level Competencies) of the Principles of Accreditation.

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

Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic, Spartanburg, S.C
For 12 months for failure to comply with Principle 1.1 (Integrity), Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing Board), Core Requirement 2.12 (Quality Enhancement Plan), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.4 (External Influence), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.8 (Qualified Administrative/Academic Officers), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.4 (Academic Freedom), and Federal Requirement 4.5 (Student Complaints) of the Principles of Accreditation.

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

Paul Quinn College, Dallas, Tex
For 12 months for failure to comply with 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/Administration Distinction), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.8 (Qualified Administrative/Academic Officers), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.4 (Terminal Degrees of Faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.8.3 (Qualified Staff), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of Finances), Federal Requirement 4.1 (Student Achievement), 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:

Dillard University, New Orleans, La.
For 12 months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of Finances) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Louisburg College, Louisville, N.C.
For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources) of the Principles of Accreditation.

University of South Florida at St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg, Fla.
For 12 months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (College-Level Competencies) and Federal Requirement 4.1 (Student Achievement) of the Principles of Accreditation.

In accordance with the "Standing Rules of the Commission on Colleges," members of the Commission abstained from the vote on the accreditation status of their respective institutions, affiliated institutions, and recognized conflicts of interest.

Other Actions

In addition to decisions regarding institutions, the Commission also took the following actions:

1. Revised the policy "Standing Rules of the Commission on Colleges and College Delegate Assembly." The revised document (1) states in writing the Commission's practice of referring to the Committee on Compliance and Report, Group A, an institution's failure to follow Commission policy on reporting substantive changes, (2) increases the total number of special readers that can be assigned

to each Committee on Compliance and Reports, (3) includes the expectation that non-Commission members on the Committees are subject to the same conflict of interest provisions as Commissioners; and (4) gives to the President of the Commission, rather than the Chair, the task of reappointing non-Commissioners to the Committees.

2. Revised the policy "Substantive Change for Accredited Institutions of the Commission on Colleges." The modified policy (1) allows Commission staff to review and approve the submission of the case of an institution that failed to report and gain approval prior to implementation of a substantive change. If the staff cannot approve the change due to apparent lack of compliance with standards, the case seeking approval will be referred to the Commission, C & R Group A, (2) makes it clear that the initiation of programs moving an institution from Level III to Level IV (adding an education specialist degree to masters' degrees) or from Level V to VI (adding doctoral programs beyond an existing three) are normally reviewed for approval by Commission staff, and (3) refers to C & R, Group A, the requested description of an institution's process for ensuring the timely reporting of future substantive changes.
3. Adopted a new Commission policy "Unreported Substantive Change." This policy outlines the review of unreported substantive changes that require notification or approval prior to implementation.
4. Modified the policy "Special Committee Procedures and Team Report." The revised document (1) eliminates reference to finance readers and stresses the overall appropriateness of committee size to enable the special committee to make a determination regarding compliance with the standards, (2) adds a sentence under "Materials for the Visit" stressing the institution's responsibility to provide documentation of compliance, (3) adds a section called "Scheduling of the Visit" requiring the visit to occur at least four weeks prior to the final mailing of C & R materials (this amounts to approximately six weeks in advance of the C & R meeting) so that institutions have ample time to respond to recommendations and to prevent institutions from requesting late visits which do not give them time to respond, if necessary, (4) combines the section of the policy focusing on the special committee report with that focusing on the response of the institution and spells out the timeline, (5) copies expectations from Commission policy "Deadlines for Submitting Reports" explaining that, under unusual conditions, the Commission president can grant an extension to the submission of documents, and (6) makes it clear that the exit conference is conducted at the discretion of the institution's president.

5. Modified the policy "Accreditation Procedures for Applicant Institutions." The revision provides an applicant institution ample time to respond to any concerns cited in the Report of the Candidacy Committee. Since the candidacy committee is charged to verify information submitted in an application, current policy did not normally allow an institution to respond to concerns.

6. Adopted a new Commission policy "Transfer of Accreditation Among Regional Commissions." This

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- policy creates a procedure for accredited institutions from other regions to transfer accreditation to SACS' Commission on Colleges if the institution is changing its locus of administrative control. The COC will consider for membership only an institution that is accredited and in good standing with its current regional accrediting commission and is chartered or incorporated within one of the 11 SACS' states.
7. Adopted a revision to the Commission's mission. The revised mission statement expands the scope of the Commission to include the accreditation of other international sites approved by the Commission.
8. Adopted a new position statement "Diversity: A Commission Position Statement." The statement on diversity encourages an institution to promote and sustain diversity subject to the unique mission and culture of each institution. A Commission position statement policy is neither a policy nor a guideline; rather, it examines an issue facing the Commission's membership, describes some appropriate approaches, and states the Commission's stance on the issue.
- There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Commission on Colleges: December 8, 2008

The Commission on Colleges met in executive session on Monday, December 8, 2008, at 3:30 p.m. at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. Chair Phillip Stone, President of Bridgewater College in Virginia and Chair of the Commission, presided. Elva Concha LeBlanc, President, Tarrant County College, Northwest Campus, in Texas and Vice Chair of the Commission, served as recorder.

Vice-Chair LeBlanc called the roll. The following members were in attendance: William T. Abare, Jr., President, Flagler College, St. Augustine, Florida; Gale Adcock, Director, Corporate Health Services, SAS Health Care Center, Carey, North Carolina; Belinda C. Anderson, President, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia; Pamela D. Anglin, President, Paris Junior College, Paris, Texas; John W. Bardo, Chancellor, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina; Joseph T. Barwick, President, Carteret Community College, Morehead City, North Carolina; Michael A. Battle, President, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia; David L. Beckley, President, Rust College, Holly Springs, Mississippi; Ray L. Belton, Chancellor, Southern University at Shreveport, Shreveport, Louisiana; Wilsie Bishop, Chief Operating Officer and Vice President for Health Affairs, East Tennessee State University, Karen A. Bowyer, President, Dyersburg State Community College, Dyersburg, Tennessee; Jennifer L. Braaten, President, Ferrum College, Ferrum, Virginia; Roger G. Brown, Chancellor, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Diane M. Calhoun-French, Provost & Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Jefferson Community & Technical College, Louisville, Kentucky; Virginia M. Carson, Interim President, South Georgia College, Douglas, Georgia; Franklyn M. Casale, President, Saint Thomas University, Miami Gardens, Florida; Kent J. Chabotar, President, Guilford College, Greensboro, North Carolina; Gregory A. Davis, Sr., Executive Director, CAJUNDOME, Lafayette, Louisiana; Deborah L. Diddle, Certified Public Accountant, Knoxville, Tennessee; W. Blaine Early III, Attorney at Law, Stites & Harbison, PLLC, Lexington, Kentucky; Martha M. Ellis, Associate Vice Chancellor Community College Partnerships, University of Texas System, Austin, Texas; Robert I. Fernandez, President, Fernandez & Company, CPA's, Fort Worth, Texas; Frank Friedman, President, Piedmont Virginia Community College, Charlottesville, Virginia; Kenneth R. Garren, President, Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Virginia; Michael A. Gerber, President, Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education,

Atlanta, Georgia; Michele Gerlach, Publisher, Andalusia Star News, Andalusia, Alabama; Martin Gonzalez, Provost, Milton Campus, Pensacola Junior College, Milton, Florida; Charles W. Gould, President, Florence-Darlington Technical College, Florence, South Carolina; Thomas L. Hallman, Chancellor, University of South Carolina Aiken, Aiken, South Carolina; Walter Harris, Jr., Distinguished University Professor and Professor of Music, Loyola University New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana; Vicki P. Hawsey, President, Wallace State Community College, Hanceville, Alabama; John M. Hilpert, President, Delta State University, Cleveland, Mississippi; Carl M. Hite, President, Cleveland State Community College, Cleveland, Tennessee; Robin W. Hoffman, President, DeKalb Technical College, Clarkston, Georgia; Keith P. Keeran, President, Kentucky Christian University, Grayson, Kentucky; Elva Concha LeBlanc, President, Tarrant County College, Northwest Campus, Fort Worth, Texas; L. Randolph Lowry, III, President, Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tennessee; William T. Luckey, Jr., President, Lindsey Wilson College, Columbia, Kentucky; Harold L. Martin Sr., Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, The University of North Carolina General Administration, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Eric B. McKeithan, President, Cape Fear Community College, Wilmington, North Carolina; Sidney A. McPhee, President, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Royce L. Money, President, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas; Eddie N. Moore Jr., President, Virginia State University, Petersburg, Virginia; Bruce T. Murphy, Chief Academic Officer, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama; Darrell F. Parker, Dean, Johnson College of Business and Economics, University of South Carolina Upstate, Spartanburg, South Carolina; Emma B. Perry, Dean of Libraries, Southern University and A & M College, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Martin H. Posey, Professor and Chair, Department of Biology and Marine Biology, University of North Carolina Wilmington, Wilmington, North Carolina; Vivian M. Presley, President, Coahoma Community College, Clarksdale, Mississippi; Jesse W. Rogers, President, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas; John H. Russell, President, McMurry University, Abilene, Texas; Phillip C. Stone, President, Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Virginia; James H. Taylor, President, University of the Cumberlands, Williamsburg, Kentucky; Charles P. Teague, President, Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, South Carolina; L. Steve Thornburg, President, Cleveland Community College, Shelby, North Carolina;

Henry N. Tisdale, President, Claflin University, Orangeburg, South Carolina; and Denise M. Trauth, President, Texas State University-San Marcos, San Marcos, Texas.

The following Commission members were not in attendance: Blandina Cardenas, President, The University of Texas - Pan American, Edinburg, Texas; Charles R. Dassance, President, Central Florida Community College, Ocala, Florida; Deborah L. Diddle, Certified Public Accountant, Knoxville, Tennessee; W. Blaine Early, III, Attorney at Law, Stites & Harbison, Lexington, Kentucky; Brenda S. Fettrow, Deputy City Manager, City of Cocoa, Cocoa, Florida; Mark R. Foley, President, University of Mobile, Mobile, Alabama; Augusta A. Julian, President, Bluegrass Community & Technical College, Lexington, Kentucky; Mary P. Kirk, President, Montgomery Community College, Troy, North Carolina; Jack R. Lohmann, Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Development, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia; William A. McIntosh, President and Chief Executive Officer, National D-Day Memorial Foundation, Bedford, Virginia; Sidney

A. McPhee, President, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Gloria W. Raines, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Louisiana State University in Shreveport, Shreveport, Louisiana; James R. Ramsey, President, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky; Rafael Rangel-Sostmann, President, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Monterrey N.L., Mexico; Daniel D. Reneau, President, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana; Martha D. Saunders, President, The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi; Beheruz N. Sethna, President, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia; Milton R. Sewell, Chancellor, Freed-Hardeman University, Henderson, Tennessee; and Robert F. Ward, President, Windmill Properties, Inc., Meridian, Mississippi.

The Commission approved the minutes of its June 2008 Executive Business Meeting. A summary of the minutes of the June 2008 Executive Council meeting was presented to the Commission as information.

Report from the Chair

Chair Stone asked COC legal counsel, Mr. Patrick McKee, to update the Commission regarding its litigation with Hiwassee College and St. Andrews Presbyterian College. In addition, Mr. McKee described the successful transfer of SACS/COC to a 501(c)(3) status and stated that, in accord with the corporation's new bylaws, the Commission on Colleges is now the SACSCOC Board of Trustees.

Chair Stone reported to the Board (the Commission) that during sessions on December 5-6, 2008, the Executive Council took the following actions:

1. Reviewed and commented on the pilot process for reviewing Fifth-Year Interim Reports and adopted the process as the Commission learns from the pilot

experiences. The abbreviated Compliance Certification, requesting documentation of continuing compliance, addresses 14 of the standards in the *Principles of Accreditation*. Information gathered from this pilot review will be forwarded to the Executive Council in February so that it can begin to assess the process and, in the future, forward the process to the Commission for approval.

2. Voted to allow retirees to serve on evaluation committees as long as they continue to meet the standards expected of all evaluators.
3. Discussed strategies for coming into compliance with some additional requirements mandated by the newly reauthorized Higher Education Amendments.

Recognition of Retiring Commissioners

The Chair recognized Commissioners whose terms expired December 2008 and commended them for their many contributions. Retiring Commissioners included the following: Gale Adcock, Joe Barwick, David Beckley, Ray Belton, Blaine Early, Mark Foley, Michael Gerber, Martin Gonzalez, Carl Hite, Eric McKeithan, Royce Money, Eddie Moore, Vivian Presley, Dan Reneau, Behruz Sethna, Milton Sewell, Charles Teague, Henry Tisdale, and Robert Ward. Belle S. Wheelan, President of the Commission, presented gifts of appreciation to each of the retiring members. She commented on the great group of retiring volunteers whose strength had made a mark on the work of the commission. She also presented a special gift in appreciation of the leadership of Elva LeBlanc, who completed six years as Commissioner and three years on the Executive Council while serving one as Vice Chair.

Wheelan continued with her presentation by expressing her appreciation to all commission members and C & R Chairs for their dedication and service and for their support. She

updated the commissioners on finances, the impact of the newly adopted HEA reauthorization bill, the activities of special study committees, the Summer Institute, and the impact of the Commission's separate incorporation including the transfer of assets.

Report of the Nominating Committee Regarding Nominees to the Commission and Election of the 2009 Executive Council

The Commission on Colleges reviewed the slate of nominees presented by the Commission's nominating committee, chaired by Walter Bortz, President of Hampden-Sydney College, and approved the following list of individuals to serve as members of the 2009 Executive Council of the Commission on Colleges: Phillip C. Stone (Chair), President, Bridgewater College, Virginia; John Hilpert, (Vice Chair), President, Delta State University, Mississippi; Michael A. Battle, President, Interdenominational Theological Center, Georgia; Karen A. Bowyer, President, Dyersburg State Community College,

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Tennessee; Franklyn M. Casale, President, Saint Thomas University, Florida; Kent J. Chabotar, President, Guilford College, North Carolina; Robert I. Fernandez, President, Fernandez & Company, Texas; Frank Friedman, President, Piedmont Virginia Community College, Virginia; Thomas L. Hallman, Chancellor, University of South Carolina Aiken, South Carolina; Vicki P. Hawsey, President, Wallace State Community College, Alabama; Gloria W. Raines, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Louisiana State University in Shreveport, Louisiana; James Ramsey, President, University of Louisville,

Kentucky; and Jesse W. Rogers, President, Midwestern State University, Texas.

The reports from the nominating committee for the Commission on Colleges regarding nominees to the Commission, the appeals committee, and the SACS' board of trustees were presented as information. Chair Stone thanked the members of the 2008 Executive Council for coordinating the nominating processes in their respective states.

Commission Actions on Accreditation

At its meeting on December 8, 2008, the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools 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:

Albany State University, Albany, Ga.
Anderson University, Anderson, S.C.
Auburn University at Montgomery, Montgomery, Ala.
Bellarmine University, Louisville, Ky.
Berry College, Mount Berry, Ga.
Bethel College, McKenzie, Tenn.
Centenary College of Louisiana, Shreveport, La.
Concordia University Texas, Austin, Tex.
Dallas Baptist University, Dallas, Tex.
Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Fla.
Francis Marion University, Florence, S.C.
Furman University, Greenville, S.C.
Georgia State University, Atlanta, Ga.
Hampton University, Hampton, Va.
Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico
Lubbock Christian University, Lubbock, Tex.
Marymount University, Arlington, Va.
Memphis Theological Seminary, Memphis, Tenn.
Norfolk State University, Norfolk, Va.
Palm Beach Atlantic University, West Palm Beach, Fla.
Richmont Graduate University, Atlanta, Ga.
Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Tex.
Trinity University, San Antonio, Tex.
Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Ala.
United States Sports Academy, Daphne, Ala. (includes approval of an exception to CR 2.7.4)
University of Houston, Houston, Tex.
University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla.
University of Richmond, Richmond, Va.
University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Tex.
University of Texas at Brownsville/Texas Southmost College, Brownsville, Tex.

University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, Tex.

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, San Antonio, Tex. (includes approval of an exception to CR 2.7.4)

University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Galveston, Tex. (includes approval of an exception to CR 2.7.4)

Virginia State University, Petersburg, Va.

Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Tex.

The Commission granted initial accreditation to the following institutions:

(effective January 1, 2008)

Gateway Community and Technical College, Ft. Mitchell, Ky. (Level I)
Swainsboro Technical College, Swainsboro, Ga. (Level I)

The Commission granted initial candidacy to the following institutions:

(effective December 8, 2008)

Altamaha Technical College, Jesup, Ga.
Ave Maria University, Ave Maria, Fla.
Watkins College of Art and Design, Nashville, Tenn.

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

College of Coastal Georgia, Brunswick, Ga.
Moved from Level I to Level II offering the Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Early Childhood Education/Special Education, Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Middle Grades Education, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and Bachelor of Business Administration
Palm Beach Community College, Lake Worth, Fla.
Moved from Level I to Level II offering the Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management
Piedmont College, Demorest, Ga.
Moved from Level IV to Level V offering the Ed.D. in Teaching and Learning

Santa Fe College, Gainesville, Fla.

Moved from Level I to Level II offering the Bachelor of Applied Science in Health Services Administration and in Clinical Laboratory Science

Troy University, Troy, Ala.

Moved from Level IV to Level V offering the Doctor of Nursing Practice

William Carey University, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Moved from Level IV to Level V offering the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

Young Harris College, Young Harris, Ga.

Moved from Level I to Level II to offering the Bachelor of Arts degrees in English and in Music and the Bachelor of Science degrees in Biology, in Business, and in Public Policy

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

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Tifton, Ga.

Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Applied Science degree.

Amarillo College, Amarillo, Tex.

Review of an off-campus site in Hereford, Tex.

Austin Community College, Austin, Tex.

Review of an off-campus site, the South Austin Center

ECPI College of Technology, Virginia Beach, Va.

Review of off-site campuses at Columbia, South Carolina, and Raleigh, N.C.

Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences, Orlando, Fla.

Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia degree

Florida International University, Miami, Fla.

Review of (1) the Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management degree offered in Tianjin, China and (2) the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, International Executive Masters in Business Administration, Master of Science in Human Resources Management, and the Master of Science in Engineering Management degrees offered in Kingston, Jamaica

Florida National College, Hialeah, Fla.

Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree

Georgia State University, Atlanta, Ga.

Review of the institution's Brookhaven Center and Buckhead Executive Center, Atlanta, Ga., and its Henry Center, McDonough, Ga.

Gordon College, Barnesville, Ga.

Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Science in Education

Indian River State College, Fort Pierce, Fla.

Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Applied Science and the Bachelor of Science in Education and in Nursing

Johnston Community College, Smithfield, N.C.

Review of the off-site campus at the Johnston County Workforce Development Center

Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tenn.

Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree

Lord Fairfax Community College, Middletown, Va.

Review of the following programs/sites: (1) the Career Studies Certificate in Photography, (2) the Luray Page County Center in Luray, Va., and (3) dual enrollment sites in Clarke County High School in Berryville, James Wood High School in Winchester, John Handley High School in Winchester, Notre Dame Academy in Middleburg, Sherando High School in Stephens City, Triplett Business and Technical Institute in Mt. Jackson, and Warren County High School in Front Royal, Va.

Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.

Review of the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership

Norfolk State University, Norfolk, Va.

Review of the Master of Social Work offered at the Department of Human Services Offices at Norfolk and Chesapeake, Va.

Northeast Texas Community College, Mt. Pleasant, Tex.

Review of an off-campus site, the Hanson-Sevell Center

Oakwood University, Huntsville, Ala.

Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Arts degree in Pastoral Studies

Reinhardt College, Waleska, Ga.

Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Business Administration

South College, Knoxville, Tenn.

Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Health Science in Physician Assistant

Spartanburg Community College, Spartanburg, S.C.

Review of the Cherokee County Campus in Gaffney, S.C., and the Tiger River Campus in Duncan, S.C.

University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Tex.

Review of the Master of Business Administration degree offered in Houston, Tex.

University of Texas at Brownsville/Texas Southmost College, Brownsville, Tex.

Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Education

Wake Technical Community College, Raleigh, N.C.

Review of the Northern Wake Campus in Raleigh and the Western Wake Campus in Cary, N.C.

The Commission approved the consolidation/merger of the following institutions:

Coosa Valley Technical College, Rome, Ga.

The consolidation of Coosa Valley Technical College and Northwestern Technical College

West Central Technical College, Waco, Ga.

The consolidation of West Central Technical College and West Georgia Technical College

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

Chattahoochee Technical College, Marietta, Ga.

Acceptance of the prospectus for the consolidation/merger of Chattahoochee Technical College, Appalachian Technical College, and North Metro Technical College

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The Commission removed the following institutions from Warning:

Hinds Community College, Raymond, Miss.
Spring Hill College, Mobile, Ala.

The Commission removed the following institutions from Probation:

Bishop State Community College, Mobile, Ala.
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Tex.

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

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Denied approval to move from Level III to Level V to offer the Doctor of Philosophy in Aviation and in Engineering Physics for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.3 (Admissions Policies), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.5 (Academic Policies), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.6 (Practices for Awarding Credit), and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Presbyterian College, Clinton, S.C.

Denied approval to move from Level II to Level V to offer the Doctor of Pharmacy degree for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Core Requirement 2.9 (Learning Resources and Services), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness), and Comprehensive Standard 3.4.1. (Academic Program Approval) of the Principles of Accreditation.

The Commission denied approval of substantive change for the following institutions:

Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, N.C.

Denied approval of the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree 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.

St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, N.C.

Denied approval of a change of control/governance for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing Board), Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.1 (CEO Evaluation/Selection), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.4 (External Influence), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.5 (Board Dismissal), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of Finances), Comprehensive Standard 3.11.1 (Control of Physical Resources), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities) of the Principles of Accreditation.

The Commission placed the following institutions on Warning:

Eastfield College, Mesquite, Tex.

For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty) of the Principles of Accreditation

South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, S.C.

For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing Board), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.6 (Board/Administration Distinction), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.11 (Control of Intercollegiate Athletics), Comprehensive Standard

3.2.12 (Fund-Raising Activities), and Comprehensive Standard 3.4.10 (Responsibility for Curriculum) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Warner University, Lake Wales, Fla.

For six months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence) of the Principles of Accreditation.

The Commission continued the following institution on Warning:

Miami International University of Art & Design, Miami, Fla.

For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty) and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence) of the Principles of Accreditation.

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

Columbia International University, Columbia, S.C.

For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Core Requirement 2.12 (Quality Enhancement Plan), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.8 (Qualified Administrative/Academic Officers), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.7 (Consortia Relationships/Contractual Agreements), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability) of the Principles of Accreditation.

King College, Bristol, Tenn.

For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Core Requirement 2.9 (Learning Resources and Services), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (College-Level Competencies), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.2 (Faculty Evaluation), Comprehensive Standard 3.8.3 (Qualified Staff), Comprehensive Standard 3.9.3 (Qualified Staff) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans, La.

For 12 months failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional Effectiveness), Core Requirement 2.12 (Quality Enhancement Plan), Core Requirement 2.7.1 (Program Length), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.3 (Board Conflict of Interest), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.5 (Board Dismissal), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.14 (Intellectual Property Rights), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.5 (Academic Policies), Comprehensive Standard 3.6.4 (Post-Baccalaureate Program Requirements), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence), Comprehensive Standard 3.9.1 (Student Rights), Comprehensive Standard 3.9.2 (Student Records) and Federal Requirement 4.5 (Student Complaints) of the Principles of Accreditation.

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

Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Ga.

For 12 months failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Core Requirement 2.12 (Quality Enhancement Plan), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of Finances) of the Principles of Accreditation.

The Commission placed the following institutions on Probation:

Alabama A & M University, Normal, Ala.

For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Financial Aid Audits), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of Finances) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Webber International University, Babson Park, Fla.

For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), 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 institutions on Probation:

Texas Southern University, Houston, Tex.

For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.8.1 (Learning/Information Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.8.3 (Qualified Staff), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.2 (Submission of Financial Statements), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Financial Aid Audits), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of Finances), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.5 (Control of Sponsored Research/External Funds), Comprehensive Standard 3.11.3 (Physical Facilities), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities) of the Principles of Accreditation.

Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, Va.

For six months 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 3.5.4 (Terminal Degrees of Faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence) of the Principles of Accreditation.

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

Fundacion Universidad de las Americas Puebla, Puebla, Mexico

For 12 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.

Louisburg College, Louisburg, N.C.

For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.3 (Faculty Development), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability) of the Principles of Accreditation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Executive Sessions of the College Delegate Assembly: 2007 and 2008

Minutes of the Meeting of the College Delegate Assembly: December 11, 2007

The College Delegate Assembly held its annual business meeting in the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana, on December 11, 2007, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Chair Phillip C. Stone, President of Bridgewater College in Virginia, presided. Dr. Daniel D. Reneau, President of Louisiana Tech University, served as vice chair.

Dr. Reneau introduced the meeting's speaker, Lt. General Russel L. Honoré, Commanding General, First Army, Fort Gillem, Georgia, and Commander, Joint Task Force-Katrina, whose topic was "Leadership in Times of Crisis."

Following the speaker's presentation, Chair Stone convened the business portion of the session and reported on the actions taken by the Executive Council and the Commission on Colleges during their meetings December 7-10, 2007. (See Minutes of the Commission on Colleges, December 10, 2007.)

Action on Nominations

Chair Barker explained the process for nominating individuals to the Commission. It is an open process whereby presidents (delegates) are invited to submit nominees to their respective

state commissioners who in turn submit a slate of nominees to the Commission's nominating committee.

Vice-Chair Reneau read the report of the nominating committee of the Commission on Colleges. The College Delegate Assembly elected the following to serve on the Commission on Colleges:

Commission Class of 2010

(Terms beginning January 2008 and concluding December 2010)

Belinda C. Anderson, President, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va. *(First Term)*

Pamela D. Anglin, President, Paris Junior College, Paris, Tex. *(First Term)*

Jennifer L. Braaten, President, Ferrum College, Ferrum, Va. *(Second Term)*

Virginia M. Carson, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Georgia Highlands College, Rome, Ga. *(Second Term)*

Kent John Chabotar, President, Guilford College, Greensboro, N.C. *(Second Term)*

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Gregory Davis, Executive Director, CAJUNDOME, Lafayette, La. (*Public Member*)

Vicki P. Hawsey, President, Wallace State Community College, Hanceville, Ala. (*First Term*)

Robin W. Hoffman, President, DeKalb Technical College, Clarkston, Ga. (*First Term*)

Keith P. Keeran, President, Kentucky Christian University, Grayson, Ky. (*Second Term*)

Mary P. Kirk, President, Montgomery Community College, Troy, N.C. (*Second Term*)

Jack Lohmann, Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Development and Professor, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Ga. (*First Term*)

L. Randolph Lowry III, President, Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tenn. (*First Term*)

William T. Luckey, Jr., President, Lindsey Wilson College, Columbia, Ky. (*First Term*)

Bruce T. Murphy, Chief Academic Officer, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala. (*Second Term*)

Darrell F. Parker, Dean, School of Business Administration and Economics, University of South Carolina Upstate, Spartanburg, S.C. (*First Term*)

Emma Bradford Perry, Dean of Libraries, Southern University and A & M College, Baton Rouge, La. (*First Term*)

Martin H. Posey, Professor and Chair, Department of Biology and Marine Biology, University of North Carolina Wilmington, Wilmington, N.C. (*First Term*)

Gloria W. Raines, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Louisiana State University in Shreveport, Shreveport, La. (*Second Term*)

John H. Russell, President, McMurry University, Abilene, Tex. (*First Term*)

Martha D. Saunders, President, The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss. (*First Term*)

Phillip C. Stone, President, Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Va. (*Second Term*)

Denise M. Trauth, President, Texas State University-San Marcos, San Marcos, Tex. (*Second Term*)

The College Delegate Assembly elected the following to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools:

Chair-Elect to the SACS Board of Trustees

William A. Staples, President, University of Houston-Clear Lake, Houston, Tex.

Institutional Representative to the SACS Board

Carlton Brown, Executive Vice President and Provost, Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga.

The College Delegate Assembly elected the following to the appeals committee of the College Delegate Assembly (elected by the College Delegate Assembly after positive action was taken on revisions to the "Appeals Procedures of College Delegate Assembly"):

Appeals Committee, Class of 2010

(for three-year terms)

Laura F. Lindsay, Professor of Mass Communication, Manship School of Mass Communication, Louisiana State University and A & M College, Baton Rouge, La.

David L. Potter, President, North Georgia College and State University, Dahlonega, Ga.

William Stacy, President/Head Master, Baylor School, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mary Thornley, President, Trident Technical College, Charleston, S.C.

Appeals Committee, Class of 2009

(filling vacancies for two-year terms)

Elaine D. Abell, Attorney, Lafayette, La.

Robert F. Moore, Associate Professor, Department of Teaching and Learning, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla.

Chair Stone referred the membership to the list of commissioners elected on Monday to serve on the 2008 Executive Council of the Commission. The report was presented to the College Delegate Assembly as information.

Chair Stone recognized and thanked the following members of the 2007 nominating committee of the Commission: Linwood H. Rose (Chair), President, James Madison University, Va.; Larry L. Earvin, President, Huston-Tillotson University, Texas; Jack Hawkins, Jr., Chancellor, Troy University, Ala.; William G. Ingram, Senior Vice President/Chief Instructional Officer, Durham Technical Community College, N.C.; and Dorothy L. Lord, President, Coastal Georgia Community College, Ga.

Report from the Commission

Proposed Changes to the Principles of Accreditation. Chair Stone reported that a copy of the proposed changes to the Principles of Accreditation was sent in October to the chief executive officers of the Commission's member institutions and was posted on the Commission's Web site five weeks prior to this meeting. He reminded the membership that a session was held during this Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 9, to present the changes and answer any questions the membership might have regarding the proposal. The session was conducted by the Principles Review Committee and introduced by Dr. Shirley Lewis, former President of Paine College. (For a list of all members of the Committee, see page 25 under Ad Hoc Committees.)

The Chair reminded the assembly that the two Comprehensive Standards before this body for vote were those remanded to the Commission for further review by the CDA last December: CS 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness) and CS 3.5.1 (College-level Competencies). The Principles Review Committee met twice between April and June of 2007. During its final meeting in June, the committee convened to consider responses received from the membership and other interested parties to the call for comments to the proposed changes as distributed in late April. The call for comment generated responses from a cross-section of institutions and other constituents, most of whom commended the work of the committee. The comments indicated a high level of satisfaction with the proposed changes.

Chair Stone reminded the assembly that, according to the "Standing Rules of the College Delegate Assembly," the proposed changes could be approved or rejected in part or whole, or could be remanded back to the Commission. The proposals could not be modified from the floor of the assembly.

Chair Stone called on Vice Chair Reneau to present the proposed changes to the *Principles* as approved by the

Commission in June 2007. A motion was made on behalf of the Commission to adopt the changes as presented. It was seconded and passed. The changes will become effective January 1, 2008.

Proposed changes to the "Appeals Procedures of the College Delegate Assembly." Chair Stone reported that a copy of the proposed changes to the appeals procedures of the College Delegate Assembly was sent in October to the chief executive officers of the Commission's member institutions and was posted on the Commission's Web site five weeks prior to this meeting. He reminded the membership that a session was held during this Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 9, to present the changes and answer any questions the membership might have regarding the proposal. The session was conducted and introduced by Dr. Dan Reneau, Vice Chair of the Commission and President of Louisiana Tech University. The revised procedures (1) change the composition of the appeals committee to include faculty/academic personnel as well as representatives from the public and (2) clearly outline what constitutes the administrative record of the institution appealing the Commission's decision.

Chair Stone reminded the membership that it could only adopt, defeat, or remand the proposal. The assembly may not modify the policy or proposal from the floor of the College Delegate Assembly.

Chair Stone called on Vice Chair Reneau to present the proposed changes to the "Appeals Procedures of the College Delegate Assembly" as approved by the Commission in June 2007 and revised by the council in November 2007. A motion was made on behalf of the Commission to adopt the proposal as presented. It was seconded and passed. The revised policy will become effective January 1, 2008.

Report of the Commission on Colleges on the Accreditation of Institutions

Vice Chair Reneau read the reports from the Commission on Colleges regarding accreditation actions taken on June 21, 2007, and December 10, 2007. The reports were read as information. (See Minutes of the Commission on Colleges, June 21, 2007, page 29, and Minutes of the Commission on Colleges, December 10, 2007, page 34.)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. after announcing that the college delegates would reconvene in December 2008 in San Antonio, Texas.

Minutes of the Meeting of the College Delegate Assembly: December 9, 2008

The College Delegate Assembly held its Annual Business Meeting in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas, on December 9, 2008, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Chair Phillip C. Stone, President of Bridgewater College in Virginia, presided. Dr. Elva LeBlanc, President of the Northwest Campus of Tarrant County College in Texas, served as vice chair.

Dr. Jennifer Braaten, President of Ferrum College in Virginia, introduced the meeting's speaker, Dr. William George, Professor of Management Practice at the Harvard Business School, whose topic was "True North: Discover your Authentic Leadership."

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Following the speaker's presentation, Chair Stone convened the business portion of the session and reported on the actions taken by the Executive Council and the Commission on Colleges during their meetings December 5-8, 2008. (Refer to the December 8, 2008, meeting of the Commission on Colleges for the minutes describing these actions.)

Action on Nominations

Chair Stone explained the process for nominating individuals to the Commission. It is an open process whereby presidents (delegates) are invited to submit nominees to their respective state commissioners who in turn submit a slate of nominees to the Commission's nominating committee.

Vice Chair LeBlanc read the report of the nominating committee of the Commission on Colleges. The College Delegate Assembly elected the following to serve on the Commission on Colleges:

Commission Class of 2011

(Terms beginning January 2009 and concluding December 2011)

William T. Abare, Jr., President, Flagler College, St. Augustine, Fla. (*Second Term*)
John W. Bardo, Chancellor, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, N.C. (*Second Term*)
Michael A. Battle, President, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Ga. (*Second Term*)
Robert P. Benson, Senior Partner, Benson, Byrne, Risch, Siemens, and Lange, Louisville, Ky. (*Public Member*)
Robert G. Boehmer, Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness, University of Georgia, Athens, Ga. (*First Term*)
Roger G. Brown, Chancellor, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, Tenn. (*Second Term*)
Diane M. Calhoun-French, Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Louisville, Ky. (*Second Term*)
Blandina Cardenas, President, University of Texas-Pan American, Edinburg, Tex. (*Second Term*)
Franklyn M. Casale, President, Saint Thomas University, Miami Gardens, Fla. (*Second Term*)
Larry L. Earvin, President, Huston-Tillotson University, Austin, Tex. (*First Term*)
Scott D. Elliott, President, Meridian Community College, Meridian, Miss. (*First Term*)
Richard J. Federinko, Senior Vice Chancellor, Student Services and Administration, Troy University, Troy, Ala. (*First Term*)
Barry D. Goldstein, Provost, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Ga. (*First Term*)
Robert C. Gordon, Dentist, Orangeburg, S.C. (*Public Member*)
Kevin E. Grady, Retired Partner, Altston & Bird LLP, Atlanta, Ga. (*Public Member*)
Billy Hilyer, President, Faulkner University, Montgomery, Ala. (*First Term*)
William Ingram, President, Durham Technical Community College, Durham, N.C. (*First Term*)
Rose Harrell Johnson, President, Haywood Community College, Clyde, N.C. (*First Term*)
Vicki V. Lott, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Lane College, Tenn. (*First Term*)

D. E. Magee, Jr., Ophthalmologist, Jackson, Miss. (*Public Member*)

Sidney A. McPhee, President, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tenn. (*Second Term*)

David J. Prior, Chancellor, The University of Virginia's College at Wise, Wise, Va. (*First Term*)

E. Joseph Savoie, President, The University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, La. (*First Term*)

William A. Staples, President, University of Houston-Clear Lake, Houston, Tex. (*First Term*)

Phil A. Sutphin, President, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. (*First Term*)

Stan Wilkins, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Bossier Parish Community College, Bossier City, La. (*First Term*)

Susan A. Winsor, President, Aiken Technical College, Aiken, S.C. (*First Term*)

Evans P. Whittaker, President, Anderson University, Anderson, S.C. (*First Term*)

Commission Class of 2009

(Term beginning January 2009 and concluding December 2012; filling a vacancy)

Andy S. Gomez, Assistant Provost, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla. (*First Term*)

Charles Edward Meadows, President, Pensacola Junior College, Pensacola, Fla. (*First Term*)

Gordon E. Michalson, Jr., President, New College of Florida, Fla. (*First Term*)

Andrew Westmoreland, President, Samford University, Birmingham, Ala. (*First Term*)

The College Delegate Assembly elected the following to serve on the board of trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools:

Public Representative to the SACS Board

W. Blaine Early III, Attorney at Law, Stites & Harbison LLP, Lexington, Ky.

The College Delegate Assembly elected the following presidents to the appeals committee of the College Delegate Assembly:

Appeals Committee, Class of 2011

(for three-year terms)

David L. Beckley, President, Rust College, Holly Springs, Miss.

Mark R. Foley, President, University of Mobile, Mobile, Ala.

Carl M. Hite, President, Cleveland State Community College, Cleveland, Tenn.

Martha Nesbitt, President, Gainesville College, Gainesville, Ga.

Hearing Officers to the Appeals Committee

Class of 2011

(for a three-year term)

Caryl Yzenbaard, Professor of Law, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Ky.

Class of 2010

(for a two-year term)

Oren Griffin, Assistant Professor Law, Mercer University, Macon, Ga.

Chair Stone referred the membership to the list of commissioners elected on Monday to serve on the 2009 Executive Council of the Commission. The report was presented to the College Delegate Assembly as information.

Chair Stone recognized and thanked the following members of the 2008 nominating committee of the Commission: Walter M. Bortz, III (Chair), President, Hampden-Sydney College,

Hampden-Sydney, Va.; James S. Netherton, Executive Vice President for Administration and Finance, Mercer University, Macon, Ga.; Mary Evans Sias, President, Kentucky State University, Frankfort, Ky.; and Phil A. Sutphin, President, East Central Community College, Decatur, Ms.

Report of the Commission on Colleges on the Accreditation of Institutions

Vice Chair LeBlanc read the reports from the Commission on Colleges regarding accreditation actions taken on June 26, 2008, and December 8, 2008. The reports were read as information. (See Minutes of the Commission on Colleges, June 26, 2008, page 40, and Minutes of the Commission on Colleges, December 8, 2008, page 45.)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. after announcing that the College Delegates would reconvene in December 2007 in New Orleans.

Appeals Proceedings of the Delegate Assembly

THE REPORT OF THE APPEALS COMMITTEE: 2007

On June 21, 2007, the Commission on Colleges took action to terminate the accreditation of St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, NC, citing 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*. Following notification of the action, the institution appealed the decision of the Commission. On August 21, 2007, the Appeals Committee of the College Delegate Assembly met to take action on the appeal of St. Andrews Presbyterian College. The appeals committee ruled to uphold the decision of the Commission taken on June 21, 2007, to terminate the accreditation of the college. (As of December 31, 2008, the institution remains an accredited institution on Probation while in litigation with the Commission.)

THE REPORT OF THE APPEALS COMMITTEE: 2008

The Appeals Committee of the College Delegate Assembly did not convene in 2008.



2007-2008 Roll of Accredited and Candidate Institutions

(As of December 31, 2008)

Recognizing Institutions Awarded Initial Membership in 2007 and 2008

The Commission awarded initial accreditation to nine institutions in 2007-08. Congratulations to their leaders and their academic communities on this very significant achievement.

2007

American University in Dubai, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, Texas

South Louisiana Community College, Lafayette, Louisiana

Valdosta Technical College, Valdosta, Georgia

West Georgia Technical College, LaGrange, Georgia

2008

Gateway Community and Technical College, Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky

North Georgia Technical College, Clarkesville, Georgia

Southeastern Technical College, Vidalia, Georgia

Swainsboro Technical College, Swainsboro, Georgia



Profile of Member/Candidate Institutions by State/by Degree Level
as of December 31, 2008

STATE	I*	II*	III*	IV*	V*	VI*	TOTAL
Alabama	22	7	5	4	8	6	52
Florida	17	22	16	1	8	11	75
Georgia	32	18	15	9	10	7	91
Kentucky	15	8	10	2	13	2	50
Louisiana	8	3	6	3	6	8	34
Mississippi	15	3	5	1	4	5	33
North Carolina	60	18	17	0	12	6	113
South Carolina	17	10	13	3	6	2	51
Tennessee	14	10	16	3	14	6	63
Texas	65	16	24	0	34	23	162
Virginia	24	12	14	0	12	9	71
International	0	0	3	0	2	1	6
Candidates	6	2	3	0	1	0	12
TOTALS	295	129	147	26	130	86	813

Profile by State/by Governance
as of December 31, 2008

STATE	Public	Private	TOTAL
Alabama	37	15	52
Florida	40	35	75
Georgia	57	34	91
Kentucky	23	27	50
Louisiana	23	11	34
Mississippi	24	9	33
North Carolina	75	38	113
South Carolina	29	22	51
Tennessee	22	41	63
Texas	109	53	162
Virginia	40	31	71
International	0	6	6
Candidates	7	5	12
TOTALS	486	327	813

** Institution is classified by the *highest degree level offered by the institution*. The levels are as follows:

- Level I** Associate degree
- Level II** Baccalaureate degree
- Level III** Master's degree
- Level IV** Master's degree and Education Specialist
- Level V** Three or fewer doctoral degrees
- Level VI** Four or more doctoral degrees

Next to the name of each accredited institution listed below is the state, the degree level classification which indicates the highest degree level offered, and the initial date of

accreditation. For specific information regarding the status of institutions, access the Commission's Web site at www.sacscoc.org.

Note to reader:

1. A description of degree level classifications can be found on page 56.
2. An asterisk by the initial accreditation date indicates one of the following: (1) the initial accreditation date is that of a merged/consolidated entity or (2) the initial date is when the institution gained separate accreditation from another accredited institution. In either case, the institution would have been accredited

prior to the date listed but as a different entity. Check the Commission's Web site for additional information about the institution.

3. If a degree level has changed during 2007 or 2008, the level and year are indicated in italics.
4. If a name change occurred in 2008, the former name is indicated in italics.

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Abilene Christian University, TX	(V)	1971
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, GA	(II)	1953
Agnes Scott College, GA	(III)	1907
Aiken Technical College, SC	(I)	1975
Air University, AL	(III)	2004
Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University, AL	(V)	1963
Alabama Southern Community College, AL	(I)	1992*
Alabama State University, AL	(V)	1966
Alamance Community College, NC	(I)	1969
Albany State University, GA	(IV)	1951
Albany Technical College, GA	(I)	2005
Alcorn State University, MS	(IV)	1948
Alice Lloyd College, KY	(II)	1952
Allen University, SC	(II)	1992
Alvin Community College, TX	(I)	1959
Amarillo College, TX	(I)	1996*
Amberton University, TX	(III)	1981
American InterContinental University, GA	(III)	1987
American University in Dubai, UAE	(III)	2007
Amridge University, AL (formerly Regions University)	(V)	1989
Anderson University, SC	(III)	1959
Andrew College, GA	(I)	1927
Angelina College, TX	(I)	1970
Angelo State University, TX	(III in 2007; V in 2008)	1936
Appalachian State University, NC	(V)	1942
Aquinas College, TN	(II)	1971
Armstrong Atlantic State University, GA	(III)	1940
The Art Institute of Atlanta, GA	(II)	1985
The Art Institute of Dallas, TX	(II)	1998
The Art Institute of Houston, TX	(II)	2000
Asbury College, KY	(III)	1940
Asbury Theological Seminary, KY	(V)	1984
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, NC	(I)	1969
Ashland Community and Technical College, KY	(I)	2003*
Athens State University, AL	(II)	1955
Athens Technical College, GA	(I)	1988
Atlanta Christian College, GA	(II)	1990
Atlanta Metropolitan College, GA	(I)	1976
Atlanta Technical College, GA	(I)	2005
Auburn University, AL	(VI)	1922
Auburn University at Montgomery, AL	(IV in 2007; V in 2008)	1968
Augusta State University, GA	(IV)	1926
Augusta Technical College, GA	(I)	1988
Austin College, TX	(III)	1947
Austin Community College, TX	(I)	1978
Austin Graduate School of Theology, TX	(III)	1987
Austin Peay State University, TN	(IV)	1947
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, TX	(V)	1973
Averett University, VA	(III)	1928

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Bainbridge College, GA	(I)	1975
The Baptist College of Florida, FL	(II)	1981
Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences, TN	(II)	1999
Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary, TX	(III)	1986
Barry University, FL	(VI)	1947
Barton College, NC	(II)	1955
Baton Rouge Community College, LA	(I)	2004
Bauder College, GA	(II)	1985
Baylor College of Medicine, TX	(V)	1970
Baylor University, TX	(VI)	1914
Beacon College, FL	(II)	2003
Beaufort County Community College, NC	(I)	1973
Belhaven College, MS	(III)	1946
Bellarmine University, KY	(V)	1956
Belmont Abbey College, NC	(II)	1957
Belmont University, TN	(V)	1959
Benedict College, SC	(II)	1946
Bennett College for Women, NC	(II)	1935
Berea College, KY	(II)	1926
Berry College, GA	(IV)	1957
Bethel College, TN	(III)	1952
Bethune-Cookman University, FL	(III)	1947
Bevill State Community College, AL	(I)	1998*
Big Sandy Community and Technical College, KY	(I)	2003*
Birmingham-Southern College, AL	(III)	1922
Bishop State Community College, AL	(I)	1992*
Bladen Community College, NC	(I)	1976
Blinn College, TX	(I)	1950
Blue Mountain College, MS	(III)	1927
Blue Ridge Community College, NC	(I)	1973
Blue Ridge Community College, VA	(I)	1969
Bluefield College, VA	(II)	1949
Bluegrass Community and Technical College, KY	(I)	2005*
Bossier Parish Community College, LA	(I)	1983
Brazosport College, TX	(II)	1970
Brenau University, GA	(IV)	1947
Brescia University, KY	(III)	1957
Brevard College, NC	(II)	1949
Brevard Community College, FL	(I)	1965
Brewton-Parker College, GA	(II)	1962
Bridgewater College, VA	(II)	1925
Brite Divinity School, TX	(V)	2007*
Brookhaven College, TX	(I)	1979
Broward College, FL	(I in 2007; II in 2008)	1965
(formerly Broward Community College)		
Brunswick Community College, NC	(I)	1983
Bryan College, TN	(III)	1969
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences, NC	(II)	1995
Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, NC	(I)	1969
Calhoun Community College, AL	(I)	1968

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Campbell University, NC	(V)	1941	Covenant College, GA	(III)	1971
Campbellsville University, KY	(III)	1963	Craven Community College, NC	(I)	1971
Cape Fear Community College, NC	(I)	1971	Crichton College, TN	(II)	1986
Carolinas College of Health Sciences, NC	(I)	1995	The Criswell College, TX	(III)	1985
Carson-Newman College, TN	(III)	1927	Cumberland University, TN	(III)	1962
Carteret Community College, NC	(I)	1974	Dabney S. Lancaster Community College, VA	(I)	1969
Catawba College, NC	(III)	1928	Dallas Baptist University, TX	(V)	1959
Catawba Valley Community College, NC	(I)	1969	Dallas Theological Seminary, TX	(V)	1969
Cedar Valley College, TX	(I)	1979	Dalton State College, GA	(II)	1996*
Centenary College of Louisiana, LA	(III)	1925	Danville Community College, VA	(I)	1970
Central Alabama Community College, AL	(I)	1989*	Darton College, GA	(I)	1968
Central Carolina Community College, NC	(I)	1972	Davidson College, NC	(II)	1917
Central Carolina Technical College, SC	(I)	1970	Davidson County Community College, NC	(I)	1968
Central Florida Community College, FL	(I)	1964	Daytona State College, FL	(II)	1963
Central Georgia Technical College, GA	(I)	1999	(formerly Daytona Beach Community College)		
Central Piedmont Community College, NC	(I)	1969	DeKalb Technical College, GA	(I)	1967
Central Texas College, TX	(I)	1969	Del Mar College, TX	(I)	1946
Central Virginia Community College, VA	(I)	1969	Delgado Community College, LA	(I)	1999*
Centre College, KY	(II)	1904	Delta State University, MS	(V)	1930
Charleston Southern University, SC	(III)	1970	Denmark Technical College, SC	(I)	1979
Chattahoochee Technical College, GA	(I)	1988	Dillard University, LA	(II)	1938
Chattahoochee Valley Community College, AL	(I)	1976	Duke University, NC	(VI)	1895
Chattanooga State Technical Community College, TN	(I)	1967	Durham Technical Community College, NC	(I)	1971
Chipola College, FL	(II)	1957	Dyersburg State Community College, TN	(I)	1971
Chowan University, NC	(II)	1956	East Carolina University, NC	(V)	1927
Christendom College, VA	(III)	1996*	East Central Community College, MS	(I)	1939
Christian Brothers University, TN	(III)	1958	East Georgia College, GA	(I)	1975
Christopher Newport University, VA	(III)	1971	East Mississippi Community College, MS	(I)	1949
Church of God Theological Seminary, TN	(V)	1984	East Tennessee State University, TN	(VI)	1927
Cisco Junior College, TX	(I)	1958	East Texas Baptist University, TX	(II)	1957
The Citadel, SC	(IV)	1924	Eastern Kentucky University, KY	(V)	1928
Clafin University, SC	(III)	1947	Eastern Mennonite University, VA	(III)	1959
Clarendon College, TX	(I)	1970	Eastern Shore Community College, VA	(I)	1973
Clark Atlanta University, GA	(VI)	1990*	Eastern Virginia Medical School, VA	(V)	1984
Clayton State University, GA	(III)	1971	Eastfield College, TX	(I)	1972
Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, KY	(II)	1999	Eckerd College, FL	(II)	1966
Clearwater Christian College, FL	(III)	1984	ECPI College of Technology, VA	(II)	1998
Clemson University, SC	(VI)	1927	Edgecombe Community College, NC	(I)	1973
Cleveland Community College, NC	(I)	1975	Edison State College, FL	(II)	1966
Cleveland State Community College, TN	(I)	1969	Edward Waters College, FL	(II)	1979
Coahoma Community College, MS	(I)	1975	El Centro College, TX	(I)	1968
Coastal Bend College, TX	(I)	1969	El Paso County Community College District, TX	(I)	1978
Coastal Carolina Community College, NC	(I)	1972	Elizabeth City State University, NC	(III)	1947
Coastal Carolina University, SC	(III)	1976	Elizabethtown Community and Technical College, KY	(I)	2004*
Coker College, SC	(II)	1923	Elon University, NC	(V)	1947
College of The Albemarle, NC	(I)	1968	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, FL	(III)	1968
College of Charleston, SC	(III)	1916	Emmanuel College, GA	(II)	1967
College of Coastal Georgia, GA	(I in 2007; II in 2008)	1967	Emmanuel School of Religion, TN	(V)	1986
(formerly Coastal Georgia Community College)			Emory & Henry College, VA	(III)	1925
College of the Mainland, TX	(I)	1969	Emory University, GA	(VI)	1917
The College of Saint Thomas More, TX	(II)	1994	Enterprise-Ozark Community College, AL	(I)	1969
The College of William & Mary, VA	(VI)	1921	Ersine College, SC	(V)	1925
Collin County Community College District, TX	(I)	1989	Faulkner University, AL	(V)	1971
Columbia College, SC	(III)	1938	Fayetteville State University, NC	(V)	1947
Columbia International University, SC	(V)	1982	Fayetteville Technical Community College, NC	(I)	1967
Columbia State Community College, TN	(I)	1968	Ferrum College, VA	(II)	1960
Columbia Theological Seminary, GA	(V)	1983	Fisk University, TN	(III)	1930
Columbus State University, GA	(IV)	1963	Flagler College, FL	(II)	1973
Columbus Technical College, GA	(I)	1990	Florence-Darlington Technical College, SC	(I)	1970
Concordia College, AL	(II)	1983	Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, FL	(VI)	1935
Concordia University Texas, TX	(III)	1968	Florida Atlantic University, FL	(VI)	1967
(formerly Concordia University at Austin)			Florida Christian College, FL	(II)	1995
Converse College, SC	(IV)	1912	Florida College, FL	(II)	1954
Coosa Valley Technical College, GA	(I)	2008*	Florida Community College at Jacksonville, FL	(II)	1969
Copiah-Lincoln Community College, MS	(I)	1936			

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Florida Gulf Coast University, FL	(V)	1999	Holmes Community College, MS	(I)	1934
Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences, FL	(III)	1996	Hopkinsville Community College, KY	(I)	1971
Florida Institute of Technology, FL	(VI)	1964	Horry-Georgetown Technical College, SC	(I)	1972
Florida International University, FL	(VI)	1974	Houston Baptist University, TX	(III)	1968
Florida Keys Community College, FL	(I)	1968	Houston Community College, TX	(I)	1977
Florida Memorial University, FL	(III)	1951	Howard College, TX	(I)	1955
Florida National College, FL	(II)	1997	Howard Payne University, TX	(III)	1948
Florida Southern College, FL	(III)	1935	Huntingdon College, AL	(II)	1928
Florida State University, FL	(VI)	1915	Huston-Tillotson University, TX	(II)	1943
Forsyth Technical Community College, NC	(I)	1968	Indian River State College, FL	(I in 2007; II in 2008)	1965
Fort Valley State University, GA	(IV)	1951	The Institute for the Psychological Sciences, VA	(V)	2005
Francis Marion University, SC	(III)	1972	Instituto Centroamericano de Administracion de Empresas, Costa Rica	(III)	1994
Frank Phillips College, TX	(I)	1958	Instituto Tecnologico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Mexico	(VI)	1950
Free Will Baptist Bible College, TN	(II)	1996	Interdenominational Theological Center, GA	(V)	1984
Freed-Hardeman University, TN	(IV)	1956	Isothermal Community College, NC	(I)	1970
Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing, KY	(V)	2004	Itawamba Community College, MS	(I)	1955
Fundacion Universidad de las Americas Puebla, Mexico	(V)	1959	J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, VA	(I)	1974
Furman University, SC	(III)	1924	Jackson State Community College, TN	(I)	1969
Gadsden State Community College, AL	(I)	2003*	Jackson State University, MS	(VI)	1948
Gainesville State College, GA	(II)	1968	Jacksonville College, TX	(I)	1974
Galveston College, TX	(I)	1969	Jacksonville State University, AL	(IV)	1935
Gardner-Webb University, NC	(V)	1948	Jacksonville University, FL	(III)	1950
Gaston College, NC	(I)	1967	James H. Faulkner State Community College, AL	(I)	1970
Gateway Community and Technical College, KY	(I)	2008	James Madison University, VA	(V)	1927
George C. Wallace Community College, Dothan, AL	(I)	2000*	James Sprunt Community College, NC	(I)	1973
George Corley Wallace State Community College, AL	(I)	1974	Jarvis Christian College, TX	(II)	1967
George Mason University, VA	(VI)	1972	Jefferson College of Health Sciences, VA	(III)	1986
Georgetown College, KY	(III)	1919	Jefferson Community and Technical College, KY	(I)	2005*
Georgia College and State University, GA	(IV)	1925	Jefferson Davis Community College, AL	(I)	1994*
Georgia Highlands College, GA	(I)	1972	Jefferson State Community College, AL	(I)	1968
Georgia Institute of Technology, GA	(VI)	1923	John A. Gupton College, TN	(I)	1971
Georgia Military College, GA	(I)	1940	John Tyler Community College, VA	(I)	1969
Georgia Perimeter College, GA	(I)	1967	Johnson Bible College, TN	(III)	1979
Georgia Southern University, GA	(V)	1935	Johnson C. Smith University, NC	(II)	1933
Georgia Southwestern State University, GA	(IV)	1932	Johnston Community College, NC	(I)	1977
Georgia State University, GA	(VI)	1952	Jones County Junior College, MS	(I)	1940
Germanna Community College, VA	(I)	1972	Judson College, AL	(II)	1925
Gordon College, GA	(II)	1941	Keiser University, FL	(III)	1991
Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics, TX	(III)	2005	Kennesaw State University, GA	(V)	1968
Grambling State University, LA	(V)	1949	Kentucky Christian University, KY	(III)	1984
Grayson County College, TX	(I)	1967	Kentucky State University, KY	(III)	1939
Greensboro College, NC	(III)	1926	Kentucky Wesleyan College, KY	(II)	1948
Greenville Technical College, SC	(I)	1968	Kilgore College, TX	(I)	1939
Griffin Technical College, GA	(I)	1998	King College, TN	(III)	1947
Guilford College, NC	(II)	1926	LaGrange College, GA	(III)	1946
Guilford Technical Community College, NC	(I)	1969	Lake City Community College, FL	(I)	1966
Gulf Coast Community College, FL	(I)	1962	Lake-Sumter Community College, FL	(I)	1966
Gwinnett Technical College, GA	(I)	1991	Lamar Institute of Technology, TX	(I)	2000
Halifax Community College, NC	(I)	1975	Lamar State College - Orange, TX	(I)	1989
Hampden-Sydney College, VA	(II)	1919	Lamar State College - Port Arthur, TX	(I)	1988
Hampton University, VA	(VI)	1932	Lamar University, TX	(VI)	1955
Hardin-Simmons University, TX	(V)	1927	Lambuth University, TN	(II)	1954
Haywood Community College, NC	(I)	1973	Lander University, SC	(III)	1952
Hazard Community and Technical College, KY	(I)	2002*	Lane College, TN	(II)	1949
Henderson Community College, KY	(I)	1971	Laredo Community College, TX	(I)	1957
High Point University, NC	(III)	1951	Lee College, TX	(I)	1948
Hill College, TX	(I)	1966	Lee University, TN	(IV)	1960
Hillsborough Community College, FL	(I)	1971	Lees-McRae College, NC	(II)	1953
Hinds Community College, MS	(I)	1983*	LeMoyné-Owen College, TN	(II)	1939
Hiwassee College, TN	(I)	1958	Lenoir Community College, NC	(I)	1968
(accreditation terminated 4/14/08)			Lenoir-Rhyne University, NC	(III)	1928
Hodges University, FL	(III)	1998			
Hollins University, VA	(III)	1932			

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LeTourneau University, TX	(III)	1970	Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, TN	(III)	1994
Lexington Theological Seminary, KY	(V)	1984	Middle Tennessee State University, TN	(VI)	1928
Liberty University, VA	(V)	1980	Midland College, TX	(II)	1975
Life University, GA	(V)	1986	Midlands Technical College, SC	(I)	1974
Limestone College, SC	(II)	1928	Midway College, KY	(III)	1949
Lincoln Memorial University, TN	(V)	1936	Midwestern State University, TX	(III)	1950
Lindsey Wilson College, KY	(III)	1951	Miles College, AL	(II)	1969
Lipscomb University, TN	(V)	1954	Milligan College, TN	(III)	1960
Livingstone College, NC	(II)	1944	Millsaps College, MS	(III)	1912
Lon Morris College, TX	(I)	1927	Mississippi College, MS	(V)	1922
Lone Star College System, TX	(I)	1976	Mississippi Delta Community College, MS	(I)	1930
(formerly North Harris Community College District)			Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, MS	(I)	1929
Longwood University, VA	(III)	1927	Mississippi State University, MS	(VI)	1926
Lord Fairfax Community College, VA	(I)	1972	Mississippi University for Women, MS	(III)	1921
Louisburg College, NC	(I)	1952	Mississippi Valley State University, MS	(III)	1968
Louisiana College, LA	(II)	1923	Mitchell Community College, NC	(I)	1955
Louisiana State University and A & M College, LA	(VI)	1913	Montgomery Community College, NC	(I)	1978
Louisiana State University at Alexandria, LA	(II)	1960	Montreat College, NC	(III)	1960
Louisiana State University at Eunice, LA	(I)	1967	Morehead State University, KY	(IV)	1930
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, LA	(VI)	1931	Morehouse College, GA	(II)	1932
Louisiana State University in Shreveport, LA	(IV)	1975	Morehouse School of Medicine, GA	(V)	1986
Louisiana Tech University, LA	(VI)	1927	Morris College, SC	(II)	1978
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, KY	(V)	1973	Motlow State Community College, TN	(I)	1971
Loyola University New Orleans, LA	(V)	1929	Mount Olive College, NC	(II)	1960
Lubbock Christian University, TX	(III)	1963	Mountain Empire Community College, VA	(I)	1974
Lurleen B. Wallace Community College, AL	(I)	2003*	Mountain View College, TX	(I)	1972
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, SC	(V)	1983	Murray State University, KY	(IV)	1928
(withdrew accreditation 12/31/08)			Nash Community College, NC	(I)	1976
Lynchburg College, VA	(III)	1927	Nashville State Technical Community College, TN	(I)	1972
Lynn University, FL	(V)	1967	Navarro College, TX	(I)	1954
Macon State College, GA	(II)	1970	New College of Florida, FL	(II)	2004*
Madisonville Community College, KY	(I)	2001*	New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, LA	(VI)	1965
Magnolia Bible College, MS	(II)	1990	New River Community College, VA	(I)	1972
Manatee Community College, FL	(I)	1963	Newberry College, SC	(II)	1936
Marine Corps University, VA	(III)	1999	Nicholls State University, LA	(IV)	1964
Marion Military Institute, AL	(I)	1926	Norfolk State University, VA	(V)	1969
Mars Hill College, NC	(II)	1926	North Carolina Agricultural and Technical		
Martin Community College, NC	(I)	1972	State University, NC	(V)	1936
Martin Methodist College, TN	(II)	1952	North Carolina Central University, NC	(V)	1938
Mary Baldwin College, VA	(III)	1931	North Carolina State University, NC	(VI)	1928
Marymount University, VA	(V)	1958	North Carolina Wesleyan College, NC	(II)	1966
Maryville College, TN	(II)	1922	North Central Texas College, TX	(I)	1961
Mayland Community College, NC	(I)	1978	North Florida Community College, FL	(I)	1963
Maysville Community and Technical College, KY	(I)	2004*	North Georgia College and State University, GA	(IV)	1935
McDowell Technical Community College, NC	(I)	1975	North Georgia Technical College, GA	(I)	2008
McLennan Community College, TX	(I)	1968	North Greenville University, SC	(III)	1957
McMurry University, TX	(II)	1949	North Lake College, TX	(I)	1979
McNeese State University, LA	(IV)	1954	North Metro Technical College, GA	(I)	2006
Medical College of Georgia, GA	(VI)	1973	Northeast Alabama Community College, AL	(I)	1969
Medical University of South Carolina, SC	(V)	1971	Northeast Mississippi Community College, MS	(I)	1956
Meharry Medical College, TN	(V)	1972	Northeast State Technical Community College, TN	(I)	1984
Memphis College of Art, TN	(III)	1963	Northeast Texas Community College, TX	(I)	1987
Memphis Theological Seminary, TN	(V)	1988	Northeastern Technical College, SC	(I)	1973
Mercer University, GA	(VI)	1911	Northern Kentucky University, KY	(V)	1973
Meredith College, NC	(III)	1921	Northern Virginia Community College, VA	(I)	1968
Meridian Community College, MS	(I)	1942	Northwest Florida State College, FL	(II)	1967
Methodist University, NC	(III)	1966	(formerly Okaloosa-Walton College)		
Miami-Dade College, FL	(II)	1965	Northwest Mississippi Community College, MS	(I)	1953
Miami International University of Art & Design, FL	(III)	1979	Northwest Vista College, TX	(I)	2001
Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, TN	(V)	1981	Northwest-Shoals Community College, AL	(I)	1994*
Mid-Continent University, KY	(II)	1987	Northwestern State University, LA	(V)	1941
Middle Georgia College, GA	(II)	2008*	Northwestern Technical College, GA	(I)	1997
Middle Georgia Technical College, GA	(I)	2005			

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Notre Dame Seminary, LA	(III)	1951	Rollins College, FL	(III)	1927
Nova Southeastern University, FL	(VI)	1993*	Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, NC	(I)	1970
Elaine P. Nunez Community College, LA	(I)	1992*	Rust College, MS	(II)	1970
Oakwood University, AL	(II)	1958	St. Andrews Presbyterian College, NC	(II)	1961
Oblate School of Theology, TX	(V)	1968	Saint Augustine's College, NC	(II)	1942
Odessa College, TX	(I)	1952	Saint Catharine College, KY	(II)	1957
Oglethorpe University, GA	(III)	1950	St. Edward's University, TX	(III)	1958
Old Dominion University, VA	(VI)	1961	Saint John Vianney College Seminary, FL	(II)	1970
Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College, SC	(I)	1970	Saint Johns River Community College, FL	(I)	1963
Our Lady of the Holy Cross College, LA	(III)	1972	Saint Joseph Seminary College, LA	(II)	1956
Our Lady of the Lake College, LA	(III)	1994	Saint Leo University, FL	(III in 2007; IV in 2008)	1967
Our Lady of the Lake University, TX	(V)	1923	Saint Mary's University, TX	(V)	1949
Owensboro Community and Technical College, KY	(I)	2003*	Saint Paul's College, VA	(II)	1950
Paine College, GA	(II)	1944	St. Petersburg College, FL	(II)	1931
Palm Beach Atlantic University, FL	(V)	1972	Saint Philip's College, TX	(I)	1951
Palm Beach Community College, FL	(I)	1942	Saint Thomas University, FL	(V)	1968
Palo Alto College, TX	(I)	1987	St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, FL	(III)	1968
Pamlico Community College, NC	(I)	1977	Salem College, NC	(III)	1922
Panola College, TX	(I)	1960	Sam Houston State University, TX	(V)	1925
Paris Junior College, TX	(I)	1934	Samford University, AL	(VI)	1920
Parker College of Chiropractic, TX	(V)	1987	Sampson Community College, NC	(I)	1977
Pasco-Hernando Community College, FL	(I)	1974	San Antonio College, TX	(I)	1952
Patrick Henry Community College, VA	(I)	1972	The San Jacinto College District, TX	(I)	1966
Paul D. Camp Community College, VA	(I)	1973	Sandhills Community College, NC	(I)	1968
Paul Quinn College, TX	(II)	1972	Santa Fe College, FL	(I in 2007; II in 2008)	1968
Peace College, NC	(II)	1947	(formerly Santa Fe Community College)		
Pearl River Community College, MS	(I)	1929	The Savannah College of Art and Design, GA	(III)	2005*
Pellissippi State Technical Community College, TN	(I)	1977	Savannah State University, GA	(III)	1951
Pensacola Junior College, FL	(I)	1956	Savannah Technical College, GA	(I)	1991
Pfeiffer University, NC	(III)	1942	Schreiner University, TX	(III)	1934
Piedmont College, GA	(IV in 2007; V in 2008)	1965	Seminary of the Southwest, TX	(III)	1983
Piedmont Community College, NC	(I)	1977	(formerly The Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest)		
Piedmont Technical College, SC	(I)	1972	Seminole Community College, FL	(I)	1969
Piedmont Virginia Community College, VA	(I)	1974	Shaw University, NC	(III)	1943
Pikeville College, KY	(V)	1998*	Shelton State Community College, AL	(I)	1994*
Pitt Community College, NC	(I)	1969	Shenandoah University, VA	(VI)	1973
Polk Community College, FL	(I)	1967	Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic, SC	(V)	2002*
Prairie View A&M University, TX	(V in 2007; VI in 2008)	1934	Shorter College, GA	(III)	1923
Presbyterian College, SC	(II)	1949	Snead State Community College, AL	(I)	1941
Queens University of Charlotte, NC	(III)	1932	Somerset Community College, KY	(I)	2003*
Radford University, VA	(V)	1928	South Carolina State University, SC	(V)	1941
Randolph College, VA	(III)	1902	South College, TN	(II in 2007; III in 2008)	2000
Randolph Community College, NC	(I)	1974	South Florida Community College, FL	(I)	1968
Randolph-Macon College, VA	(II)	1904	South Georgia College, GA	(I)	1934
Ranger College, TX	(I)	1968	South Louisiana Community College, LA	(I)	2007
Rappahannock Community College, VA	(I)	1973	South Piedmont Community College, NC	(I)	1977
Reformed Theological Seminary, MS	(V)	1977	South Plains College, TX	(I)	1963
Regent University, VA	(VI)	1984	South Texas College, TX	(II)	1995
Reinhardt College, GA	(III)	1953	South University, GA	(V)	2001*
Rhodes College, TN	(III)	1911	Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College, KY	(I)	2001*
Richard Bland College, VA	(I)	1961	The Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, NC	(V)	1978
Richland College, TX	(I)	1974	Southeastern Community College, NC	(I)	1967
Richmond Community College, NC	(I)	1969	Southeastern Louisiana University, LA	(V)	1946
Richmont Graduate University, GA	(III)	2003	Southeastern Technical College, GA	(I)	2008
(formerly Psychological Studies Institute)			Southeastern University, Inc., FL	(III)	1986
Ringling School of Art and Design, FL	(II)	1979	Southern Adventist University, TN	(III)	1960
River Parishes Community College, LA	(I)	2004	The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, KY	(V)	1968
Roane State Community College, TN	(I)	1974	Southern College of Optometry, TN	(V)	1967
Roanoke Bible College, NC	(II)	1999	Southern Methodist University, TX	(VI)	1921
Roanoke-Chowan Community College, NC	(I)	1976	Southern Polytechnic State University, GA	(III)	1964
Roanoke College, VA	(II)	1927	Southern Union State Community College, AL	(I)	1994*
Robeson Community College, NC	(I)	1975			
Rockingham Community College, NC	(I)	1968			

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Southern University and A & M College at Baton Rouge, LA	(V)	1938	Texas Woman's University, TX	(VI)	1923
Southern University at New Orleans, LA	(III)	1970	Thomas More College, KY	(III)	1959
Southern University at Shreveport, LA	(I)	1975	Thomas Nelson Community College, VA	(I)	1970
Southern Wesleyan University, SC	(III)	1973	Thomas University, GA	(III)	1984
Southside Virginia Community College, VA	(I)	1972	Tidewater Community College, VA	(I)	1971
Southwest Georgia Technical College, GA	(I)	1997	Toccoa Falls College, GA	(II)	1983
Southwest Mississippi Community College, MS	(I)	1958	Tougaloo College, MS	(II)	1953
Southwest Tennessee Community College, TN	(I)	2000*	Transylvania University, KY	(II)	1915
Southwest Texas Junior College, TX	(I)	1964	Trevecca Nazarene University, TN	(V)	1969
Southwest Virginia Community College, VA	(I)	1970	Tri-County Community College, NC	(I)	1975
Southwestern Adventist University, TX	(III)	1958	Tri-County Technical College, SC	(I)	1971
Southwestern Assemblies of God University, TX	(III)	1968	Trident Technical College, SC	(I)	1974
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, TX	(V)	1969	Trinity University, TX	(III)	1946
Southwestern Christian College, TX	(II)	1973	Trinity Valley Community College, TX	(I)	1952
Southwestern Community College, NC	(I)	1971	Troy University, AL	(V)	2004*
Southwestern University, TX	(II)	1915	Truett McConnell College, GA	(II)	1966
Spalding University, KY	(V)	1938	Tulane University, LA	(VI)	1903
Spartanburg Community College, SC	(I)	1970	Tusculum College, TN	(III)	1926
Spartanburg Methodist College, SC	(I)	1957	Tuskegee University, AL	(V)	1933
Spelman College, GA	(II)	1932	Tyler Junior College, TX	(I)	1931
Spring Hill College, AL	(III)	1922	Union College, KY	(III)	1932
Stanly Community College, NC	(I)	1979	Union Theological Seminary & Presbyterian School of Christian Education, VA	(V)	1997*
Stephen F. Austin State University, TX	(V)	1927	Union University, TN	(V)	1948
Stetson University, FL	(V)	1932	United States Sports Academy, AL	(V)	1983
Stillman College, AL	(II)	1953	Universidad de las Americas - A.C., Mexico	(III in 2007; V in 2008)	2001
Sul Ross State University, TX	(III)	1929	Universidad de Monterrey, Mexico	(III)	1991
Sullivan University, KY	(V)	1979	The University of Alabama, AL	(VI)	1897
Surry Community College, NC	(I)	1969	The University of Alabama at Birmingham, AL	(VI)	1970
Swainsboro Technical College, GA	(I)	2008	The University of Alabama in Huntsville, AL	(V in 2007; VI in 2008)	1970
Sweet Briar College, VA	(III)	1920	University of Central Florida, FL	(VI)	1970
T.A. Lawson State Community College, AL	(I)	2005*	University of the Cumberlands, KY	(III in 2007; V in 2008)	1964
Talladega College, AL	(II)	1931	The University of Dallas, TX	(V)	1963
Tallahassee Community College, FL	(I)	1969	University of Florida, FL	(VI)	1913
Tarleton State University, TX	(V)	1926	The University of Georgia, GA	(VI)	1909
Tarrant County College District, TX	(I)	1969	University of Houston, TX	(VI)	1954
Technical College of the Lowcountry, SC	(I)	1978	University of Houston-Clear Lake, TX	(V)	1976
Temple College, TX	(I)	1959	University of Houston - Downtown, TX	(III)	1976
Tennessee State University, TN	(VI)	1979*	University of Houston - Victoria, TX	(III)	1978
Tennessee Technological University, TN	(V)	1939	University of the Incarnate Word, TX	(V)	1925
Tennessee Wesleyan College, TN	(II)	1926	University of Kentucky, KY	(VI)	1915
Texarkana College, TX	(I)	1931	The University of Louisiana at Lafayette, LA	(VI)	1925
Texas A&M International University, TX	(V)	1970	The University of Louisiana at Monroe, LA	(VI)	1955
Texas A&M University, TX	(VI)	1993*	University of Louisville, KY	(VI)	1915
Texas A&M University-Commerce, TX	(V)	1925	University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, TX	(V)	1926
Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi, TX	(VI)	1975	University of Mary Washington, VA	(III)	1930
Texas A&M University - Kingsville, TX	(V)	1933	The University of Memphis, TN	(VI)	1927
The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, TX	(VI)	1999	University of Miami, FL	(VI)	1940
Texas A&M University-Texarkana, TX	(III)	1979	University of Mississippi, MS	(VI)	1895
Texas Chiropractic College, TX	(V)	1984	University of Mississippi Medical Center, MS	(VI)	1991
Texas Christian University, TX	(VI)	1922	University of Mobile, AL	(III)	1968
Texas College, TX	(II)	2001*	University of Montevallo, AL	(IV)	1925
Texas Lutheran University, TX	(II)	1940	University of New Orleans, LA	(VI)	1958
Texas Southern University, TX	(VI)	1948	University of North Alabama, AL	(IV)	1934
Texas State Technical College - Harlingen, TX	(I)	1971	The University of North Carolina at Asheville, NC	(III)	1958
Texas State Technical College Marshall, TX	(I)	2002*	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC	(VI)	1895
Texas State Technical College Waco, TX	(I)	1968	The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, NC	(VI)	1957
Texas State Technical College - West Texas, TX	(I)	1979	The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, NC	(VI)	1921
Texas State University-San Marcos, TX	(VI)	1925	University of North Carolina at Pembroke, NC	(III)	1951
Texas Tech University, TX	(VI)	1928	University of North Carolina School of the Arts, NC (formerly North Carolina School of the Arts)	(III)	1970
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, TX	(VI)	2004	University of North Carolina at Wilmington, NC	(V)	1952
Texas Wesleyan University, TX	(V)	1949			

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Accredited Institution	Highest Degree Level	Initial Accreditation
University of North Florida, FL	(V)	1974
University of North Texas, TX	(VI)	1925
University of North Texas Health Science Center at Ft. Worth, TX	(V)	1995
University of Richmond, VA	(V)	1910
University of St. Thomas, TX	(V)	1954
University of the South, TN	(V)	1895
University of South Alabama, AL	(VI)	1968
University of South Carolina - Aiken, SC	(III)	1971*
University of South Carolina Beaufort, SC	(II)	2004*
University of South Carolina - Columbia, SC	(VI)	1917
University of South Carolina Upstate, SC	(III)	1976
University of South Florida, FL	(VI)	1965
University of South Florida St. Petersburg, FL	(V)	2006*
The University of Southern Mississippi, MS	(VI)	1929
The University of Tampa, FL	(III)	1951
The University of Tennessee, TN	(VI)	2000*
The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, TN	(V)	1910
The University of Tennessee at Martin, TN	(III)	1951
The University of Texas at Arlington, TX	(VI)	1964
The University of Texas at Austin, TX	(VI)	1901
The University of Texas at Brownsville- Texas Southmost College, TX	(V)	1995*
The University of Texas at Dallas, TX	(VI)	1972
The University of Texas at El Paso, TX	(VI)	1936
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, TX	(VI)	1973
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, TX	(V)	1973
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, TX	(V)	2005*
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, TX	(V)	1973
The University of Texas - Pan American, TX	(V)	1956
The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, TX	(III)	1975
The University of Texas at San Antonio, TX	(VI)	1974
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, TX	(VI)	1973
The University of Texas at Tyler, TX	(V)	1974
University of Virginia, VA	(VI)	1904
The University of Virginia's College at Wise, VA	(II)	1970
The University of West Alabama, AL	(IV)	1938
The University of West Florida, FL	(V)	1969
University of West Georgia, GA	(V)	1936
Valdosta State University, GA	(V)	1929
Valdosta Technical College, GA	(I)	2007
Valencia Community College, FL	(I)	1969
Vance Granville Community College, NC	(I)	1977
Vanderbilt University, TN	(VI)	1895
Vernon College, TX	(I)	1974
The Victoria College, TX	(I)	1951
Virginia Commonwealth University, VA	(VI)	1953
Virginia Highlands Community College, VA	(I)	1972
Virginia Intermont College, VA	(II)	1925
Virginia Military Institute, VA	(II)	1926
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, VA	(VI)	1923
Virginia State University, VA	(V)	1933
Virginia Union University, VA	(V)	1935
Virginia Wesleyan College, VA	(II)	1970
Virginia Western Community College, VA	(I)	1969
Volunteer State Community College, TN	(I)	1973
Voorhees College, SC	(II)	1946
Wade College, TX	(I)	1985
Wake Forest University, NC	(VI)	1921
Wake Technical Community College, NC	(I)	1970
Wallace State Community College, AL	(I)	1978

Accredited Institution	Highest Degree Level	Initial Accreditation
Walters State Community College, TN	(I)	1972
Warner University, FL (formerly Warner Southern College)	(III)	1977
Warren Wilson College, NC	(III)	1952
Washington and Lee University, VA	(V)	1895
Waycross College, GA	(I)	1978
Wayland Baptist University, TX	(III)	1956
Wayne Community College, NC	(I)	1970
Weatherford College, TX	(I)	1956
Webber International University, FL	(III)	1969
Wesleyan College, GA	(III)	1919
West Central Technical College, GA	(I)	1998
West Georgia Technical College, GA	(I)	2007
West Kentucky Community and Technical College, KY	(I)	2003*
West Texas A&M University, TX	(V)	1925
Western Carolina University, NC	(V)	1946
Western Kentucky University, KY	(V)	1926
Western Piedmont Community College, NC	(I)	1968
Western Texas College, TX	(I)	1973
Wharton County Junior College, TX	(I)	1951
Wiley College, TX	(II)	1933
Wilkes Community College, NC	(I)	1970
William Carey University, MS	(IV in 2007; V in 2008)	1958
William Marsh Rice University, TX	(VI)	1914
Williamsburg Technical College, SC	(I)	1977
Wilson Community College, NC	(I)	1969
Wingate University, NC	(V)	1951
Winston-Salem State University, NC	(III)	1947
Winthrop University, SC	(IV)	1923
Wofford College, SC	(III)	1917
Wytheville Community College, VA	(I)	1970
Xavier University of Louisiana, LA	(V)	1938
York Technical College, SC	(I)	1970
Young Harris College, GA	(II)	1938

Candidate Institutions (2008)

Accredited Institution	Highest Degree Level	Candidacy Date
Academy of Oriental Medicine at Austin, TX	(III)	6/26/08
Altamaha Technical College, GA	(I)	12/08/08
American College of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine, TX	(III)	6/26/08
Appalachian Technical College, GA	(I)	12/10/07
Ave Maria University, FL	(V)	12/08/08
Bowling Green Technical College, KY	(I)	6/26/08
Everglades University, FL	(III)	6/26/08
Georgia Gwinnett College, GA	(II)	6/26/08
L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College, LA	(I)	6/21/07
Louisiana Delta Community College, LA	(I)	6/21/07
Okefenokee Technical College, GA	(I)	6/21/07
Watkins College of Art and Design, TN	(II)	12/08/08

Candidate Institutions (2007)

Appalachian Technical College, GA	(I)	12/10/07
Gateway Community and Technical College, KY	(I)	6/21/07
L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College, LA	(I)	6/21/07
Louisiana Delta Community College, LA	(I)	6/21/07
North Georgia Technical College, GA	(I)	6/22/06
Okefenokee Technical College, GA	(I)	6/21/07
Southeastern Technical College, GA	(I)	6/23/05
Swainsboro Technical College, GA	(I)	12/20/07



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June 30, 2008

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Inc. (the Association) as of June 30, 2008, and the related statements of activities, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Inc. as of June 30, 2008, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued reports dated November 20, 2008 on our consideration of the Association's internal control structure over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.



Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of the Association taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Carl R. Aggs, Jr., CPA, CFE

Atlanta, Georgia

November 20, 2008

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Inc.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2008

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS		CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Cash and investments	\$ 2,805,181	Accounts payable - trade	\$ 309,409
Cash and cash equivalents	6,452,889	Accrued expenses	409,773
Investments		Deferred revenue	
		College	\$ 2,037,683
Receivables	37,214	VTECS	45,000
Memberships dues	100,877	Other	844,075
Accreditation visitations	252,669	Current maturities of bond payable	2,926,758
Grants	196,145	Due to related party	108,696
Other	586,905		447,805
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	22,408	Total current liabilities	4,202,441
Other current assets		BOND PAYABLE, less current maturities	163,043
Total current assets	116,761	DEFERRED COMPENSATION	589,876
	9,939,328	POST-RETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATION	2,445,917
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT - AT COST		TOTAL LIABILITIES	7,401,277
Building	2,272,059	COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES	
Land improvements	76,138		
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	1,176,045	TOTAL NET ASSETS, UNRESTRICTED	5,916,702
	3,524,242		
Less accumulated depreciation	2,247,310		
	1,276,932		
Land	399,977		
	1,676,909		
OTHER ASSETS			
Investments - deferred compensation	589,876		
Cash surrender value of life insurance	307,012		
Due from related party - post retirement benefit obligation	796,345		
Other	8,509		
	1,701,742		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 13,317,979	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 13,317,979

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Inc.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year ended June 30, 2008

Revenues and support		
Membership dues	\$ 4,881,697	
Project income	578,247	
Registration fees and exhibits	1,533,250	
Publication sales	63,136	
Application and special fees	803,067	
Interest income	82,880	
Dividend income	194,703	
Net unrealized loss on investments	(532,075)	
Other income	<u>492,101</u>	
 Total revenues and support		\$ 8,097,006
 Operating expenses		
Commissions and projects	7,090,266	
General association expenses	<u>1,880,833</u>	
 Total operating expenses		<u>8,971,099</u>
 CHANGE IN NET ASSETS, UNRESTRICTED		(874,093)
 NET ASSETS, UNRESTRICTED AT JUNE 30, 2007		<u>6,790,795</u>
 NET ASSETS, UNRESTRICTED AT JUNE 30, 2008		\$ <u><u>5,916,702</u></u>

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Inc.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year ended June 30, 2008

Change in net assets		\$ (874,093)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 123,281	
Net unrealized loss on investments	532,075	
Provision for doubtful accounts	(54,117)	
(Increase) decrease in assets and increase (decrease) in liabilities		
Receivables	294,066	
Due from related party	515,869	
Due from related party - post-retirement benefit obligation	(12,891)	
Prepaid expenses	(48,784)	
Other assets	110,515	
Accounts payable - trade	(23,834)	
Accrued expenses	86,430	
Deferred revenue	398,286	
Deferred compensation	(127,442)	
Post-retirement benefit obligation	<u>39,595</u>	<u>1,833,049</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		958,956
Cash flows from investing activities		
Capital expenditures	(44,339)	
Purchase of investments	<u>(194,703)</u>	
Net cash used in investing activities		(239,042)
Cash flows used in financing activities		
Principal payments on bond payable		<u>(108,695)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		611,219
Cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2007		<u>2,193,962</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2008		<u>\$ 2,805,181</u>

Supplemental schedule of non-cash investing and financing activities and certain cash flow information:

There were no noncash investing and financing activities during the year ended June 30, 2008.

Supplemental cash flow information:

Interest paid	<u>\$ 17,661</u>
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Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Inc.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2008

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying financial statements include the accounts of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Inc. (the Association), a Georgia nonprofit corporation without capital stock. The Association was incorporated exclusively for educational purposes, and its stated objective is to improve education in the southern region of the United States through the exercise of leadership and through the promotion of cooperative efforts among colleges, schools and related agencies. The Association grants normal credit terms to its members who primarily consist of colleges and schools in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

A summary of the significant accounting policies of the Association applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements follows.

1. Fund Descriptions

The Association maintains their accounts in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. This accounting method provides a procedure by which resources for various purposes are classified for accounting purposes into funds, which were established according to their nature and purposes. All of the Association's fund balances are classified as unrestricted and have been reported as unrestricted total net assets in the accompanying financial statements.

The assets, liabilities and fund balances of the Association are described as follows:

Association Funds - The program functions of the Association are carried out principally through one commission; the members of the commission have been elected by its delegate assembly. The commission and the year it commenced operations as a part of the Association is the Commission on Colleges established in 1919.

Property Fund - The fund represents funds expended by the Association for acquisition of property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation, the bond payable and certain equipment acquisitions funded by the industrial revenue bond proceeds.

Association Reserve Fund - The Board has established an Association Reserve Fund. This fund has been designated for use only by authorization of the Board. Accordingly, the fund is accounted for as a separate fund of the Association.

Vocational Technical Education Consortium of States (VTECS) (Board Designated) - The Board has established this fund for the specific purpose of accounting for the separate activities of the programs of the Vocational Technical Education Consortium of States.

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Inc.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

June 30, 2008

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

1. Fund Descriptions - continued

Grant Fund (Board Designated) - Fees, grants and contract revenues received for specified purposes are classified as grant funds. Expenses related to these programs are charged against this fund balance.

Central Administration Expenses - Administrative and support functions are performed by the Central Administration staff, which administers and coordinates the work of the Association under policies established by the Board. A portion of each commission's dues is allocated to the Central Administration for operating expenses, and a portion of such operating expenses is allocated to the projects. The Central Administration operating income or loss for each fiscal year is transferred to the Association Reserve Fund.

Building Operations Fund - The Board established a Building Operations Fund to which a portion of each commission's revenues are allocated for the operating expenses of the building.

Group Health Insurance Reserve Fund (Board Designated) - The Board established the Group Health Insurance Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the Association's partial self insurance for group health benefits. This fund accumulates the annual savings between the cost of full insurance coverage and the cost of the partial self insurance. This fund will be used to fund the cost of group health benefits in years where the cost of self insurance exceeds the cost of full insurance coverage. In addition, the Board has allocated the liability related to health care insurance benefits for retirement employees and their dependents (Note E) to this fund.

Building Maintenance Reserve Fund (Board Designated) - The Board established a Building Maintenance Reserve Fund for the specific purpose of funding normal replacements and maintenance of the building's components. Funding levels are established by the Board based on the estimated lives of the various building components and the estimated cost of future repairs.

2. Financial Statement Presentation

The Association's financial statements are prepared in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 117 (SFAS 117), *Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations*. Under SFAS 117, the Association is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets and permanently restricted net assets. The Association considers all of its net assets to be unrestricted net assets. In addition, the Association is required to present a statement of cash flows.

3. Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The Association provides an allowance for doubtful accounts equal to the estimated collection losses that will be incurred in the collection of all receivables. The estimated losses are based upon historical collection experience coupled with a review of the current status of existing receivables.

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Inc.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

June 30, 2008

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

4. Property and Equipment

Uses of operating funds for property and equipment are accounted for as transfers to the property fund. Proceeds from the sale of property assets, if unrestricted, are transferred to operating fund balances or, if restricted, to deferred amounts restricted for property acquisitions.

Depreciation of property and equipment is provided in amounts sufficient to relate the cost of depreciable assets to operations over their estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis. The estimated useful lives of the various classes of assets are as follows:

<u>Class of Asset</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives (years)</u>
Building	40
Land improvements	5
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	3-10

5. Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue reported as a current liability represents dues related to future membership periods which were received prior to the end of the fiscal year.

6. Interest

Interest costs, approximating \$17,700 for the year ended June 30, 2008, have been charged to operations as incurred.

7. Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized as services are provided.

Grants restricted by the grantor for particular operating purposes are deemed earned and are recorded when the Association has incurred expenditures in compliance with the specific restrictions.

8. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

SFAS 107, *Disclosures About Fair Value of Financial Instruments*, requires disclosure of the fair value of certain items, including receivables, investments, payables and debt. The Association believes that the amounts disclosed for such amounts within the statement of financial position do not differ significantly from fair value as defined in SFAS 107.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

June 30, 2008

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

9. Concentrations of Credit Risk

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the Association to concentrations of credit risk, are principally receivables and investments. Concentration of credit risk with respect to receivables is limited due to the members comprising the Association's member base and the profession in which its members operate. To reduce risk, the Association routinely assesses the financial strength of its members and, as a consequence, believes that its receivables' credit risk exposure is limited. Concentration of credit risk with respect to investments is limited due to the diversified nature of the Association's investment portfolio (Note B). To further reduce credit risk, the Association's Administrative Council and the Trust Department of the Association's principal investment institution routinely assess the financial strength and diversification of the investments.

10. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Association considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

NOTE B - INVESTMENTS

Investments at June 30, 2008 are recorded at market value based on quoted market prices in accordance with SFAS 124, *Accounting for Certain Investments Held by Not-for-Profit Organizations*. The Association's investments represent funds held for future operational or capital needs. Changes in the basis of investments held at the end of the year are reflected in the statement of activities as unrealized appreciation/depreciation in the market value of investments. Realized gains and losses on the sale of investments are recorded based upon the difference between the proceeds and the basis of the investments. The basis of the investments is determined by the specific-identification method. Interest income and dividends are recognized when earned.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

June 30, 2008

NOTE C - BOND PAYABLE

The bond payable consists of an industrial revenue bond payable to a bank in equal monthly installments of \$9,058 plus interest at 78.24% of the bank's prime rate on the first day of each month (Prime rate at June 30, 2008 was 5%.) with the final payment due in December 2010.

The use of the bond proceeds was restricted to the purchase of land and construction and furnishing of a building used as the Association's headquarters, and the bond payable is collateralized by the building and land.

Maturities of bond indebtedness subsequent to June 30, 2008 are as follows:

<u>Year ending June 30,</u>	
2009	\$108,696
2010	108,696
Thereafter	<u>54,347</u>
	<u>\$271,739</u>

NOTE D - PENSION PLAN

The Association has a contributory Defined Contribution Pension Plan in which substantially all employees of the Association are required to participate. Under the requirements of the Plan, the employees contribute 2.5% of their regular salary (as defined), and the Association contributes 12.5% of the employee's regular salary (as defined) for the purchase of individual deferred annuity contracts from The Legends Group, the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association, College Retirement Equities Fund and/or the Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company. The Association's pension expense for the year ended June 30, 2008 was approximately \$451,000.

NOTE E - EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

The Association provides certain health care insurance benefits for retired employees and their dependents. The Plan has been closed to new participants. Certain employees become eligible for health care insurance benefits if they retire after they reach 60 years of age and achieve 10 years of continuous service while working for the Association. The Association accounts for these benefits under SFAS 106, *Employers' Accounting for Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions*, which requires that the expected cost of these benefits be charged to expense during the year that the employees render service.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

June 30, 2008

NOTE E - EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS - CONTINUED

The funded status of the postretirement benefit plan for the year ended June 30, 2008 is as follows:

Accumulated postretirement benefit obligation	\$2,311,781
Unrecognized gain	<u>134,136</u>
Postretirement benefit obligation	<u>\$2,445,917</u>

The components of the net periodic postretirement benefit cost for the year ended June 30, 2008 is as follows:

Service cost	\$ 34,611
Interest cost	<u>130,517</u>
	<u>\$165,128</u>

Assumptions used to calculate the net periodic postretirement benefit cost and the accumulated benefit obligation for the year ended June 30, 2008 are as follows:

Discount rate	6.25%
Medical trend rate	7.25%
Year ultimate trend rate is achieved	2013

The Association expects to contribute \$132,000 to its postretirement benefit plan from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

The following benefit payments are expected, which reflect expected future service and decrements as appropriate, discount rate projections, and health care cost trend rate estimates to be paid for fiscal years beginning July 1:

<u>Year ending June 30,</u>	
2009	\$132,000
2010	147,000
2011	157,000
2012	170,000
2013	178,000
2014 - 2018	909,000

If the health care cost trend rates were increased by 1% for all future years, the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation as of June 30, 2008 would have increased by approximately \$271,000. The aggregate of the service and interest cost for the year ended June 30, 2008 would have increased by approximately \$22,000.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

June 30, 2008

NOTE E - EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS - CONTINUED

The Association is the owner and beneficiary of twenty-six life insurance policies on certain vested plan participants. Each policy carries a death benefit of \$50,000. It is the Association's intention to use the proceeds of the death benefit, when received, to offset the cost of providing these postretirement benefits.

NOTE F - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Association has an agreement with an insurance carrier whereby the Association's group health insurance is partially self-insured. Under the agreement, the Association funds each employee and/or his/her dependent claims up to a maximum of \$45,000 annually. The Association's maximum liability to the claim fund cannot exceed \$1,206,000 annually. At June 30, 2008, the Association had no unfunded liability for submitted claims. Claims for occurrences prior to June 30, 2008 were unknown at that date and are estimated to be insignificant.

The Association has cash deposits and investment accounts with financial institutions, which fluctuate from time to time in excess of the insured limitation of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. If these financial institutions were not to honor their contractual liability, the Association could incur losses. Management is of the opinion that there is no risk of loss because of the financial strength of these financial institutions.

From time to time, the Association may have asserted and unasserted claims arising in the normal course of business. The Association does not expect losses, if any, arising from these asserted and unasserted claims to have a material effect on the financial statements.

The Association has been named as a defendant in a lawsuit filed by a member. The member is currently seeking damages of approximately \$4,700,000 due to the Association's decision to revoke the member's accreditation. The Association's attorneys have advised management that no determination as to the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome can be made at this point. The parties are conducting discovery with the period set to close on November 15, 2008. Management believes the lawsuit is without merit and is vigorously defending the case. As a result, the Association has not recorded a liability due to this contingency at June 30, 2008.

NOTE G - TAX STATUS

The Association is exempt from federal income taxes under the provisions of §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Internal Revenue Service has also determined that the Association is not a private foundation as defined by §509(a)(1) of the Code.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

June 30, 2008

NOTE H - DEFERRED COMPENSATION

The Association has entered into deferred compensation agreements with certain key employees and former employees. These agreements require the Association to pay a portion of each employee's salary into a salary continuation account that is invested into certain investments as defined by the agreements. These payments are required to continue through each employee's stated vested date. Upon retirement and participant request, the fair values of the salary continuation accounts are to be paid to the employees in sixty substantially equal monthly installments.

NOTE I - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Association maintains a plan that provides certain health care insurance benefits for retired employees and their dependents (Note E). Advance Education, Inc. (AdvancED) has certain employees and former employees that participate in the Plan. The Association pays all the expenses and bills AdvancED for its portion. At June 30, 2008, the Association had a receivable of approximately \$796,000 due from AdvancED for its portion of the post retirement benefit obligation.

At June 30, 2008, the Association had a liability of approximately \$448,000 due to AdvancED for various recurring operating expenses paid by AdvancED on behalf of the Association.

NOTE J - SUBSEQUENT EVENT

Subsequent to June 30, 2008, certain economic conditions have resulted in significant declines in the financial markets, including the markets in which the Association holds investments. The value, liquidity and related income of these investments are sensitive to changes in economic conditions. As a result, the Association's investment balances have likely experienced similar declines.

SINGLE AUDIT SECTION

**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT
OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

**Board of Trustees
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Inc.**

We have audited the financial statements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Inc. (the Association) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated November 20, 2008. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Association's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the organization's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, such that there is a more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the organization's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the organization's internal control. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings, questioned costs and other recommendations to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting.

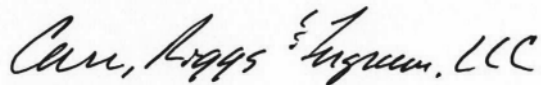
A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the organization's internal control. The significant deficiency noted above is not considered to be a material weakness.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed above, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Association's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Atlanta, Georgia
November 20, 2008

**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE
TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133**

**Board of Trustees
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Inc.**

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Inc. (the Association) with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U. S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2008. The Association's major federal program is identified in the auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings, questioned costs and other recommendations. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major federal program is the responsibility of the Association's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Association's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and *OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Association's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the Association's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the Association complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2008.

Internal Control over Compliance

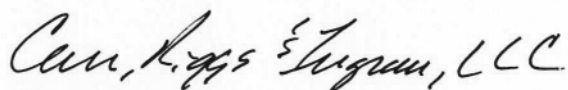
The management of the Association is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Association's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control over compliance.

A *control deficiency* in an entity's internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to administer a federal program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

This report is intended for the information of management and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Atlanta, Georgia
November 20, 2008

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Inc.

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

Year ended June 30, 2008

Federal Grantor / Pass-through Grantor Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Award Amount	Federal Award Receivable June 30, 2007	Write-off as Uncollectable	Grant Receipts	Grant Expenditures	Federal Award Receivable (Deferred) June 30, 2008
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>							
<u>Vocational Education - Basic Grants to States Program*</u>							
<u>Pass-through from various states</u>							
Vocational Technical Education Consortium of States membership	84.048	\$ 645,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 430,000	\$ 465,000	\$ (10,000)
<u>Pass-through from State of Indiana Dept of Workforce Development</u>							
Industry Based Skill Standards	84.048	380,933	36,000		51,000	15,000	
<u>Pass-through from State of South Carolina</u>							
CATE Professional Development	84.048	256,482	36,556		117,980	112,855	31,431
Business Industry Partnership	84.048	85,000	10,917		42,417	49,770	18,270
<u>Pass-through from State of Rhode Island</u>							
Rhode Island Skills (CIM) Project	84.048	75,000	30,127		30,127		
<u>Pass-through from State of Arizona</u>							
Arizona State University - Arizona Standards and Assessment	84.048	200,000	129,118		200,000	70,882	
Arizona State University - Arizona Standards and Assessment Phase II	84.048	200,000				150,000	150,000
Total U.S. Department of Education - Vocational Education Basic Grants to States Program		1,842,415	327,718	130,000	871,524	863,507	189,701
TOTAL FEDERAL AWARDS		\$ 1,842,415	\$ 327,718	\$ 130,000	\$ 871,524	\$ 863,507	\$ 189,701

* Major Program

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NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

Year ended June 30, 2008

NOTE A - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Inc. and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of *OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

NOTE B - SCHEDULE OF VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION CONSORTIUM OF STATES MEMBERSHIP

The following is a detail listing of Vocational Technical Education Consortium of States Membership funds by state:

<u>State</u>	<u>Receivable (Deferred) June 30, 2007</u>	<u>Write-off as Uncollectible</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Receivable (Deferred) June 30, 2008</u>
Alabama	\$35,000	\$	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$35,000
Arizona			45,000	40,000	(5,000)
Arkansas					
Florida	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	
Georgia					
Idaho			20,000	20,000	
Indiana	40,000	40,000			
Louisiana			25,000	25,000	
Maine					
Maryland			35,000	35,000	
Minnesota			35,000	35,000	
Missouri			40,000	40,000	
New Jersey					
Pennsylvania			45,000	45,000	
Rhode Island					
South Carolina			40,000	40,000	
Tennessee	(40,000)			40,000	
Vermont	40,000	40,000			
Virginia	(40,000)		40,000	40,000	(40,000)
Wyoming	_____	_____	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	_____
	<u>\$85,000</u>	<u>\$130,000</u>	<u>\$430,000</u>	<u>\$465,000</u>	<u>\$(10,000)</u>

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Inc.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS, QUESTIONED COSTS
AND OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Year ended June 30, 2008

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

1. Type of auditor's report issued - unqualified.
2. Internal control over financial reporting:
 - A. Material weakness(es) identified? ☐ yes ☒ no
 - B. Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? ☒ yes ☐ none reported
3. Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? ☐ yes ☒ no

Federal Awards

4. Internal control over major programs:
 - A. Material weakness(es) identified? ☐ yes ☒ no
 - B. Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)? ☐ yes ☒ none reported
5. Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs - unqualified.
6. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, Section .510(a)? ☐ yes ☒ no
7. There were no questioned costs that are required to be reported under §510(a) of OMB Circular A-133.
8. The programs tested as major programs included:

CFDA#
84.048

Program Name
Vocational Education - Basic Grants to States Program - pass through from various states

9. The dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs was \$300,000.
10. The auditee does not qualify as a low-risk auditee.

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Inc.

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS, QUESTIONED COSTS
AND OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Year ended June 30, 2008

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FINDINGS

2008-1: **Condition:** The Association's year-end closing process did not adequately identify all accounts that required adjustment.

Effect: As a result of an inadequate closing process, our audit resulted in a number of adjusting journal entries.

Cause: This condition exists due to a lack of use of a formal close out process that includes ensuring all accounts balances are adequately adjusted or reconciled.

Recommendation: We recommend that the Association develop and implement a checklist and review process that ensures that the books adequately closed and that all required adjustments to accounts are made in a timely fashion.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action: Management has begun developing an appropriate checklist and developed a review process to ensure that the financial statements are complete and accurate.