

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Accreditation Actions taken by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees

At its meeting on **December 9, 2018**, the SACSCOC Board of Trustees took the following actions regarding the accreditation status of North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) institutions. The list **does not include** the names of institutions required only to submit additional monitoring, referral, or special reports, unless the review resulted in a negative or an adverse action.

The Board reaffirmed the accreditation of the following institutions:

None in NCCCS

The Board reaffirmed accreditation of the following institution and removed it from Warning:

None in NCCCS

The Board reaffirmed accreditation of the following institutions and removed them from Probation:

None in NCCCS

The Board granted initial accreditation to the following institution:

None in NCCCS

The Board approved the following acquisition by the following institution:

None in NCCCS

The Board accredited the following member institutions at a new or a more advanced degree level:

None in NCCCS

The Board approved the following substantive changes:

None in NCCCS

The Board continued the accreditation of each of the following institutions resulting from a Substantive Change Committee on-site review of the previously approved change:

Johnston Community College, Smithfield, North Carolina

- Review of the following off-campus instructional sites in North Carolina conducted as part of the Fifth-Year Review: Clayton High School, Clayton; Corinth Holders High School, Wendell; North Johnston High School, Kenly; Princeton High School, Princeton; and Smithfield-Selma High School, Smithfield.

Vance Granville Community College, Henderson, North Carolina

- Review of the following off-campus instructional sites in North Carolina conducted as part of the Fifth-Year Review at: Bunn High School, Bunn; Franklinton High School, Franklinton; and Louisburg High School, Louisburg.

Western Piedmont Community College, Morganton, North Carolina

- Review of a new off-campus instructional site in North Carolina at: Western Piedmont Community College Cosmetology Center, Morganton.

The Board accepted the following institution's prospectus for a merger:

None in NCCCS

The Board removed the following institution from Warning:

None in NCCCS

The Board removed the following institutions from Probation:

None in NCCCS

SANCTIONS AND OTHER NEGATIVE ACTIONS

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

The Board denied approval of a substantive change for the following institutions:

None in NCCCS

The Board placed the following institutions on Warning:

Roanoke-Chowan Community College, Ahoskie, North Carolina

For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 4.1 (*Governing board characteristics*), Standard 4.2.b (*Board/administration distinction*), Standard 5.2.a (*CEO control*), and Standard 5.5 (*Personnel appointment and evaluation*) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was authorized.

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

None in NCCCS

The Board continued accreditation for Good Cause and placed the following institutions on Probation:

None in NCCCS

The Board removed the following institution from membership:

None in NCCCS

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Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)**

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**Disclosure Statement Regarding the Status of
ROANOKE-CHOWAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Ahoskie, North Carolina**

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The following publicly available information is provided by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) concerning the accreditation of Roanoke-Chowan Community College. Information presented below is in accord with SACSCOC's disclosure policy; staff of SACSCOC cannot comment further on questions specifically related to Roanoke-Chowan Community College. The institution has reviewed this statement prior to public posting.

Action by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees took place on December 9, 2018, and the institution's next review is June 2019.

What is the accreditation status of Roanoke-Chowan Community College? Roanoke-Chowan Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; however, the institution was placed on Warning for six (6) months after review of the institution's response to unsolicited information alleging non-compliance with the standards related to the governing board, board/administrative distinctions, control of the institution by the Chief Executive Officer, and the appointment and evaluation of personnel. Prior to the institution's next review by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees in June 2019, a Special Committee will conduct an on-site evaluation of the institution's compliance with the *Principles of Accreditation*—the accreditation standards of the Commission. SACSCOC accreditation includes all components of the institution—all programs, branch campuses, off-campus sites, and distance learning programs as reported to SACSCOC; thus, the Warning status applies to the entire institution.

What does Warning mean? Warning is a public sanction imposed by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees following determination of significant non-compliance with the Core Requirements or Standards of SACSCOC's *Principles of Accreditation*; failure to make timely and significant progress toward correcting the deficiencies that led to the finding of non-compliance; or failure to comply with SACSCOC's policies and procedures. The maximum total time during one monitoring period that an institution may be on Warning is two years. In June 2019, Roanoke-Chowan Community College will have been on Warning for six (6) months. For additional information about sanctions, see SACSCOC's policy entitled "[Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership](#)".

Why was Roanoke-Chowan Community College placed on Warning? Roanoke-Chowan Community College was placed on Warning because the SACSCOC Board of Trustees determined that the institution had failed to demonstrate compliance with Core Requirement 4.1 (*Governing board characteristics*), Standard 4.2.b (*Board/administration distinction*), Standard 5.2.a (*CEO control*), and Standard 5.5 (*Personnel appointment and evaluation*) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was authorized. These standards expect that an institution (i) has a governing board of at least five members that: (a) is the legal body with specific authority over the institution, (b) exercises fiduciary oversight of the institution, (c) ensures that both the presiding officer of the board, and a majority of other voting members of the board are free of any contractual, employment, personal, or familial financial interest in the institution, (d) is not controlled by a minority of board members or by organizations or institutions separate from it, and (e) is not presided over by the chief executive officer of the institution; (ii) the governing board ensures a clear and appropriate distinction between the policymaking function of the board and the responsibility of the administration and faculty to administer and implement policy; (iii) the chief executive officer has ultimate responsibility for, and exercises appropriate control over the institution's educational, administrative, and fiscal programs and services; as well as (iv) the institution publishes and implements policies regarding the appointment, employment, and regular evaluation of non-faculty personnel. (To read the full statement for the standards cited above, access the [Principles of Accreditation: Foundation for Quality Enhancement](#).)

What will happen in June 2019? The SACSCOC Board of Trustees will consider the accreditation status of Roanoke-Chowan Community College following review of a Monitoring Report submitted by the institution addressing the standards cited above for non-compliance, and the report of a Special Committee that will visit the institution in spring 2019. The Board will have the following options: (1) remove the institution from Warning without an additional report; (2) continue accreditation and place the institution on Probation, request a monitoring report, and authorize a Special Committee visit; or (3) remove the institution from membership for failure to comply with the standards. Commission staff will not speculate on what decision might be made by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees in June 2019.

For additional information regarding SACSCOC's accreditation process, access the [Principles of Accreditation: Foundation for Quality Enhancement](#).