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**Disclosure Statement Regarding the Status of**

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT NEW ORLEANS**

**New Orleans, Louisiana**

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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 Southern University at New Orleans. Information presented below is in accord with SACSCOC's disclosure policy; staff of SACSCOC cannot comment further on questions specifically related to Southern University at New Orleans. The institution has reviewed this statement prior to public posting.

Action by SACSCOC's Board of Trustees took place on June 14, 2018, and the institution's next review is June 2019.

**What is the accreditation status of Southern University at New Orleans?** Southern University at New Orleans is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; however, the institution was placed on Warning for 12 months after review of a Monitoring Report following action on membership at Level V offering the Doctorate of Social Work. SACSCOC's accreditation includes all components of the institution—all programs, branch campuses, off-campus sites, and distance learning programs as reported to SACSCOC; thus, the Warning status applies to the entire institution.

**What does Warning mean?** Warning is a public sanction imposed by SACSCOC's Board of Trustees following determination of significant non-compliance with the Core Requirements 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, Southern University at New Orleans will have been on Warning for two years. For additional information about sanctions, see SACSCOC's policy entitled "[Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership](#)".

**Why was Southern University at New Orleans placed on Warning?** Southern University at New Orleans was placed on Warning because SACSCOC's Board of Trustees determined that the institution had failed to demonstrate compliance with Core Requirement 4.1 (Governing board characteristics) and Standard 13.3.(Financial responsibility) of the *Principles of Accreditation*—the accreditation standards of SACSCOC. These standards expect an institution (1) to provide evidence that it 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 and (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; and (2) to manage its financial resources in a responsible manner. (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?** SACSCOC's Board of Trustees will consider the accreditation status of Southern University following review of a Second Monitoring Report addressing the standards cited above for non-compliance. The Board will have the following options: (1) remove the institution from Warning without an additional report; (2) continue accreditation for Good Cause, place the institution on Probation, request a monitoring report, and authorize a Special Committee visit; and (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's Board of Trustees in June 2019.

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