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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](#).