

Summary of Negative Actions: February 6-10, 2016

INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION

PROBATION – in light of the Commission’s judgment that the institution fails to demonstrate compliance with one or more Standards for Accreditation. The sanction may not exceed two years except for good cause.

Place on Probation

Carver College, 3870 Cascade Road, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30331

Areas of concern:

- Standard 3, Essential Elements 4-7 (equitable and consistent treatment of employees and students, honest and open communication regarding compliance with agencies in light of failure to submit required reports to ABHE and the Department of Education, failure to fulfill financial obligations)
- Standard 6b, Essential Elements 1, 5, 6 (lack of evidence of financial stability documented by independent, opinioned audits; insufficient board oversight of financial management; insufficient financial reserves to respond to financial circumstances)

Teach-out plan due 60 days from notification, subject to Commission approval

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An institution placed on probation is given the opportunity to provide public comments regarding the Commission’s decision. Carver College was notified by letter on March 24, 2016, of the option to provide comments within 60 days. No comments were received as of May 23, 2016.

DENIAL OF ACCREDITATION OR CANDIDATE STATUS – in light of the Commission’s judgment that the institution fails to demonstrate compliance with one or more Standards for Accreditation, and the institution has exhausted the maximum five-year time limit to achieve Accredited or Candidate status. The institution’s Commission status is removed and is not subject to reinstatement for a minimum of one year.

Denial of Candidate Status

Bridges Christian College, 2524 Napoleon Ave., New Orleans, LA 70115

Areas of concern:

- Standard 2a, EE 1, 3, 5 – Assessment of student learning and planning (insufficient evidence of implementation of a complete assessment planning cycle that addresses student learning outcomes)
- Standard 2b, EE 1-6 – Assessment of institutional effectiveness and planning (insufficient evidence that data collection and analysis of institutional effectiveness are ongoing, comprehensive, and used to improve institutional performance)
- Standard 3, EE 1, 2 – Institutional integrity (publications/website lacks current information)
- Standard 4, EE 8-15 – authority and governance of the board (lacking documentation that the board is sufficiently autonomous and exercises appropriate oversight of the institution)

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- Standard 5, EE 3 – organizational structure (lack of evidence for organizational structure that clearly defines roles and sufficient administrative personnel, as demonstrated by the CEO filling multiple key roles)
- Standard 6a, EE 3 – commitment to provide adequate resources for employee welfare (insufficient evidence of adequate resources to address employee welfare and functional capacity)
- Standard 6b, EE 2, 3, 6 – financial reserves and budgeting process (insufficient evidence of financial reserves for ongoing operations, as well as the development of cash reserves available for unforeseen financial circumstances and enrollment fluctuations)
- Standard 7 – Enrollment management (lack of documentation for a clearly articulated and fully implemented enrollment management plan addressing all four areas of enrollment management: recruitment, admissions, student financial services, and retention)
- Standard 11d, EE 3 – academic rigor of alternative academic patterns (limited validation that academic rigor is appropriate to the level of education offered)

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An institution denied candidate status is given the opportunity to provide public comments regarding the Commission's decision. Bridges Christian College was notified by letter on March 24, 2016, of the option to provide comments within 60 days. No comments were received as of May 23, 2016.

Probation, Show Cause, Termination of Accredited/Candidate Status, and Denial of Accredited or Candidate Status are appealable actions which do not become final until all appeal options have been exhausted. The above actions are final as of March 24, 2016.

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