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DATE: January 18, 2024

SUBJECT: Accreditation Update

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FOR BOARD INFORMATION

Staff presents for informational purposes the attached summary of updates on accreditation actions impacting LCTCS colleges.

Background: Each LCTCS institution is accredited by either the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) or the Council on Occupational Education (COE). Currently all the colleges are accredited by SACSCOC except two: Central Louisiana Technical Community College and Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College. Both colleges are seeking accreditation with SACSCOC.

History of Prior Actions: COE and SACSCOC accreditation actions are reported to the board semiannually.

Fiscal Impact: N/A



Approved for Recommendation to the Board
Dr. Monty Sullivan

2-7-2024

Date

REPORT ON ACCREDITATION ACTIONS

February 2024 (July - December 2023)

1. Baton Rouge Community College

- a. Submitted a prospectus for 13 EBRPSS high schools as off-campus instructional sites
- b. Submitted a Prison Education Program (PEP) prospectus

2. Bossier Parish Community College

- a. Submitted the Fifth-Year Interim Report
- b. Received notification of approval of teach-out plan for BPCC@NSU site effective January 1, 2024

3. Central Louisiana Technical Community College

- a. A Compliance Certification is due to SACSCOC on February 25th. A visit will take place April 8-12.

4. Delgado Community College

- a. Submitted a Substantive Change for closure of an approved Off-Campus Instructional Site, the Delgado Jefferson Site. Programs currently offered at the site will relocate to the College's main instructional site (City Park Campus), the Sidney N. Collier Site, and the River City Site.
- b. Delgado participated in orientation for the 2026 Reaffirmation of Accreditation.

5. Fletcher Technical Community College

- a. FTCC had an on-site visit in October 2023. No follow up report was needed. An accreditation decision will be announced at the SACSCOC June 2024 Board meeting.

6. Louisiana Delta Community College

- a. Received approval in August to open the AGS (Ag Science) and AGS (Ag Business) Programs and to close the AAS in Forensic Science and Technology.
- b. In August, LDCC submitted PEP prospectus for Riverbend Detention Center to offer Welding at the Lake Providence site and to get PEP approval for our already SACSCOC approved site at Ouachita Correctional Facilities.
- c. Received approval for the Precision Ag Technician Program and the Medical Lab Technician Program in September.

- d. In October LDCC submitted our Institutional Summary form for the December Orientation (SACSCOC Class of 2026). Participated in the orientation for the 2026 Reaffirmation of Accreditation.

7. Northshore Technical Community College

- a. A Compliance Certification for reaffirmation is due to SACSCOC by March 1, 2024 followed by off-site team review. NTCC will host on-site team October 21-24, 2024, with a SACSCOC reaffirmation decision in December 2024.

8. Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College

- a. NLTCC hosted COE visiting team in September and received a report of one finding as a result of the visit. In January our COE reaccreditation was deferred, due to COE staff believing we should not have received the finding that was included in the visiting team's report. Dr. Spillers wrote a letter supported with emails from COE staff members explaining why we should have not had the finding. We are awaiting a final decision in March.

9. Nunez Community College

- a. No updates

10. River Parishes Community College

- a. At the December meeting, SACSCOC requested a second Monitoring Report further documenting compliance with Standard 13.4. Specifically, a procedural audit documenting compliance with previous audit findings was requested. We anticipate this submission will close out the previous monitoring report.
- b. 5th Year Annual Report is due 8/9/2024

11. South Louisiana Community College

- a. July 12, 2023 - SACSCOC approved the Advanced (Pipe) Welding CTS program.
- b. November 22, 2023 - SACSCOC was notified of off-campus instructional site (OCIS) relocation - National EMS Academy, Alexandria site.
- c. December 5, 2023 - SACSCOC Board approval of Substantive Change prospectus for Prison Education Program (PEP) - Institutional-level Approval. Required on-site visit by SACSCOC Review Committee February 19-20, 2024. (SLCC is the first SACSOC institution that has been approved for a PEP institutional-level on-site visit and is expected to be the first SACSCOC institution granted this approval.)

12. SOWELA Technical Community College

- a. SOWELA received a SACSCOC letter of approval (by extensive review) on June 29, 2023 to offer 50% or more of the Certificate of General Studies (CGS) and Associate of General Studies (AGS) at 10 high school dual enrollment instructional sites in Calcasieu Parish.
- b. SOWELA received a SACSCOC letter of approval on July 21, 2023 for program closure of the following: AAS in Office Systems Technology.
- c. SOWELA received a SACSCOC letter of approval on November 24, 2023 for program closure of the following: TD Outdoor Power Equipment Technician; CTS Outdoor Power Equipment Technology (OPET) Technician II, and CTC OPET Technician I.
- d. SOWELA received notification that a Fifth Year Interim Report Submission is due on September 8, 2024.
- e. SOWELA will host a SACSCOC Onsite Committee Visit in Fall 2024 to review of sites that were approved but not reviewed on-site since SOWELA's last reaffirmation through August 2023.
- f. Submitted Substantive Change Prospectus in December 2023 to offer 50% or more of the CGS and AGS at two additional high school instructional sites in Calcasieu Parish.
- g. Submitted Substantive Change Prospectus in December 2023 to offer 50% or more the CTC Entry Level Cook, CTS Entry Level Prep Cook, and CTS Production Cook at the Calcasieu Parish School Board's College Street Vocational Center.

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Accreditation Update

Final Audit Report

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