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## LOUISIANA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

**TO:** Dr. Monty Sullivan  
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**FROM:** Dr. René Cintrón *RC*  
Chief Academic Affairs Officer

**SUBJECT:** Update on COE and SACSCOC Accreditation Actions

**DATE:** 03/12/2018

### REPORT ON ACCREDITATION ACTIONS:

**Recommendation:** Staff presents for informational purposes the enclosed summary of accreditation actions impacting LCTCS colleges.

**Background:** Each LCTCS institution is accredited by either the Council on Occupational Education (COE) or the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

The following LCTCS colleges are accredited by COE:

Central Louisiana Technical Community College  
Northshore Technical Community College  
Northwest Louisiana Technical College  
South Central Louisiana Technical College

The following LCTCS colleges are accredited by SACSCOC:

Baton Rouge Community College  
Bossier Parish Community College  
Delgado Community College  
Fletcher Technical Community College  
Louisiana Delta Community College  
Nunez Community College  
River Parishes Community College  
South Louisiana Community College  
SOWELA Technical Community College

**History of Prior Actions:** COE and SACSCOC accreditation decisions are reported to the board in the form of an accreditation update.

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

Approved for Distribution to the Board  
Dr. Monty Sullivan, President

Date

## **REPORT ON ACCREDITATION ACTIONS:**

### **Council on Occupational Education (COE) Accreditation update:**

The following LCTCS colleges are accredited by COE:

- Central Louisiana Technical Community College
- Northshore Technical Community College
- Northwest Louisiana Technical College
- South Central Louisiana Technical College

The following accreditation actions were taken at the June 2017 COE Meeting:

**Northwest Louisiana Technical College:** Removed from warning in consequent of failing to meet COE Student Achievement benchmarks

**Central Louisiana Technical Community College:** Prospectus approved for the addition of a non-main campus site: Sabine Valley Campus and Natchitoches Campus (formerly a campus of Northwest Louisiana Technical College).

The following accreditation action was taken at the January 2018 COE Meeting:

**Northshore Technical Community College:** Placed on warning in result of not achieving COE Student Achievement benchmarks. The matter has been corrected and the college has received notification via letter from COE noting their positive status.

### **Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Accreditation Updates:**

The following LCTCS colleges are accredited by SACSCOC:

- Baton Rouge Community College
- Bossier Parish Community College
- Delgado Community College
- Fletcher Technical Community College
- Louisiana Delta Community College
- Nunez Community College
- River Parishes Community College
- South Louisiana Community College
- SOWELA Technical Community College

The following actions were taken at the December 2017 SACSCOC annual Meeting:

SACSCOC committee approved the following changes to institutional standards contained in the Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement:

**Board Evaluation (4.2.G)** - The institution's governing board holds in trust the fundamental autonomy and ultimate well-being of the institution. As the corporate body, the board ensures both the presence of viable leadership and strong financial resources to fulfill the institutional mission. Integral to strong governance is the absence of undue influence from external sources.

**Student Debt (12.6)** - The institution provides information and guidance to help student borrowers understand how to manage their debt and repay their loans.

**Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)** – is no longer a core requirement, but a comprehensive standard that addresses student success, including retention, completion, or recruitment. Institutions are allowed to start QEPs prior to SACSCOC approval, which will eventually align with strategic planning cycles rather than the institutions reaffirmation timeline.

SACSCOC committee approved accreditation actions of mergers/consolidations/acquisitions of the following institutions:

**L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College:** Acquisition of two facilities from South Central Louisiana Technical College (a non-SACSCOC institution) located in Louisiana: the Thibodaux Facility, Thibodaux; and the Galliano Facility, Cut Off.

**River Parishes Community College:** Acquisition of Reserve Campus, Reserve, LA, of South Central Louisiana Technical College, a non-SACSCOC accredited institution.

**South Louisiana Community College:** Acquisition of three (3) Louisiana campuses of South Central Louisiana Technical College, a non-SACSCOC accredited institution: Young Memorial Campus, Morgan City; Young Memorial Marine Extension, Morgan City; and Louisiana Marine and Petroleum Institute, Houma (effective January 2018).

**SOWELA Technical Community College:** Acquisition of two campuses of Central Louisiana Technical College (a non- SACSCOC institution) located in Louisiana: Oakdale Campus, Oakdale; and Federal Correctional Institution—Oakdale I, Oakdale.

SACSCOC approved continued accreditation for the following institutions resulting from a Substantive Change Committee On-Site review:

**River Parishes Community College:** Louisiana Review of Westside Campus, Plaquemine, Louisiana, acquired from Baton Rouge Community College.

The following schools submitted their SACSCOC Compliance Reports February 2018:

- South Louisiana Community College
- Sowela Technical Community College
- Baton Rouge Community College
- River Parish Community College