

Transnational Association of  
Christian Colleges and Schools

**Accreditation Commission Meeting**

April 17, 2007

The Founders Inn

Virginia Beach, Virginia 23464

**ACCREDITATION COMMISSION ACTION**

The following institution was **granted Accredited status** by the Accreditation Commission after completing a successful self-study and hosting an on-site evaluation team.

- **Patrick Henry College** (Purcellville, VA), a Category II institution (approved to offer Bachelors degrees and Distance Learning Programs) was granted Accreditation with the following conditions:
  - a) the Institution continue to document the progress in faculty organization and policies and procedures (Standard 16.1, 16.3, 14.11)
  - b) the Institution complete a cycle of Institutional Assessment and turn in a report by June 30, 2007 (Standard 24.1-24.6)

The following institution was placed on **SHOW CAUSE**:

- **Hawai'i Theological Seminary** (Wahiawa, HI), a Category IV institution (approved to offer certificates, Bachelors, Masters and doctoral degrees) was placed on **Show Cause** by the Accreditation Commission for the following reasons:
  1. The long-term operational continuity of the institution is not assured. The 2006 audit shows a significant decline in financial assets (Standards 18.4 and 18.5).
  2. Three of the last five fiscal years have shown financial deficits (Standards 18.4, 18.9, Operational Standard: E. Financial Operations, 1.b. Audit).
  3. Low student enrollment continues to contribute to institutional financial shortfalls and enrollment support for the curriculum offered. Currently, according to the 2006 Annual Report, there are no full-time undergraduate students enrolled and only one full-time graduate student enrolled (Standard 18.4).

4. The library volumes currently do not support the institution's educational offerings and do not provide adequate service to students and faculty (Standards 28.3, 28.4, 28.6, 28.7).
5. The seminary has five board members and two of them are employees. Only one of the board members can be an employee of the institution (Operational Standard: A1, the Governing Board).
6. The institution employs no full-time librarian (Standard 25.4).
7. The large number of presidents employed in the last five years and the turnover and the turmoil within the Board has resulted in a lack of continuous leadership and, therefore, the integrity, stability and effectiveness of the institution is not evident (Operational Standards: A1, The Governing Board and A2, The Administration).
8. It is not clear that the institution has a permanent location. This situation does not provide a long-term satisfactory educational facility for students and faculty, including learning materials and equipment that support and enhance the teaching learning process (Standards 27.2 and 27.3).

Hawai'i has until the Commission Meeting in November 2007 to demonstrate why they should be taken off **SHOW CAUSE**.

The following institutions were granted **approval by the Accreditation Commission for Substantive Changes**:

- **Beacon University** (Columbus, GA), a Category IV institution (approved to offer diplomas, the associate, Bachelors, Masters, and doctoral degrees) was granted final approval for their Doctor of Ministry Program.
- **Liberty University** (Lynchburg, VA), a Category IV institution (approved to offer diplomas, certificates, the associate, Bachelors, Masters, doctoral degrees and distance learning programs ) was granted approval to initiate the following programs in the Fall of 2007:
  1. B.S., Electrical Engineering
  2. B.S., Computer Engineering
  3. B.S., Industrial and Systems Engineering
  4. B.S., Software Engineering
- **New Saint Andrews College** (Moscow, ID), a Category II institution, (approved to offer the associate and Bachelors degrees) was granted approval to initiate a Master of Arts degree in Trinitarian Theology and Culture beginning in the Fall of 2007. New Saint Andrews is now approved as a

Category III institution (approved to offer the associate, Bachelors, and Masters' degrees).

The following institutions were granted **approval by the Executive Director for Substantive Changes** as noted below; all were reported to the Commission.

- **Beulah Heights University** (Atlanta, GA), a Category III institution (approved to offer certificates, the associate and Bachelors degrees) was granted approval to change the name for the Urban Studies degree to Community and International Economic Development and to offer on-line courses at the undergraduate level.
- **California Christian College** (Fresno, CA) a Category II institution (approved to offer the associate and Bachelors degrees) was granted approval to offer a Distance Learning Program at the undergraduate level.
- **Central Baptist Theological Seminary of Minneapolis** (Plymouth, MN) a Category IV institution (approved to offer diplomas, Masters and doctoral degrees) was granted approval to establish new teaching sites at Grace Baptist Church, Chippewa Falls, WI, and Pillsbury Baptist College, Owatonna, MN.
- **Community Christian College** (Redlands, CA) a Category I institution (approved to offer the associate degree) was granted approval to offer Developmental Courses and to offer on-line courses at the undergraduate level.
- **Liberty University** (Lynchburg, VA) a Category IV institution (approved to offer diplomas, certificates, the associate, Bachelors, Masters, doctoral degrees and Distance Learning) was granted approval to initiate a Master of Science degree in Accounting and to initiate a Master of Arts in English.
- **Mars Hill Graduate School** (Bothell, WA) a Category III institution (approved to offer Master's degrees) was granted approval to change their address to 2501 Elliot Avenue, Seattle, WA 98121.
- **Midwest University** (Wentzville, MO) a Category IV institution (approved to offer Bachelors, Masters, doctoral degrees, English as a Second Language, and Distance Learning Programs) was granted approval to add a Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies with Concentrations in Mission Studies and Athletic Mission and to add a Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language.
- **Southern Evangelical Seminary** (Matthews, NC) a Category IV institution (approved to offer certificates, Bachelors, Masters and doctoral

degrees and Distance Learning Programs) was granted approval to offer a Doctor of Philosophy in Apologetics.

Informational Items (All were presented to the Commission.)

**Mentoring Staff Visits**

1. Shorter College(AR) December 5-6, 2006
2. Beacon University (GA) February 7-8, 2007
3. Southern Methodist College (SC) February 13-14, 2007
4. Trinity Life Bible College (CA) February 21-22, 2007
5. Eastern North Carolina Theology Institute (NC) March 2, 2007
6. Saint Petersburg Theological Seminary (FL) March 12, 2007
7. Apex School of Theology (NC) March 15-16, 2007
8. Tennessee Temple University (TN) March 19-20, 2007
9. Central Africa Baptist College (Zambia) March 26-28, 2007
10. Winston Salem Bible College (NC) April 2, 2007
11. Beacon University (GA) April 4, 2007