



## **Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools Accreditation Commission Meeting November 4-5, 2019**

Hyatt Regency Orange County  
11999 Harbor Blvd.  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

### **COMMISSION ACTIONS**

#### **CANDIDATE STATUS**

Candidate Status is granted to institutions that are in Basic Compliance with the TRACS Standards. Basic Compliance is the determination by the Accreditation Commission that an institution is in full compliance with all Standards related to the Institutional Eligibility Requirements (IERs) and has the ability to be in Substantive Compliance with all of the Accreditation Standards within the period of candidacy. Candidacy is for a period of up to five years. During that time, each institution must come into compliance with all TRACS Standards, conduct a Self-Study, host an Evaluation Team, and appear before the Accreditation Commission for Accredited Status by November 2024. To maintain Candidate Status, the institution must remain in compliance with all IER-related standards.

The following institutions were granted Candidate Status by the TRACS Accreditation Commission after completing a successful self-study and being evaluated by an on-site evaluation team:

**California Victor University** (2495 East Orangethorpe Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92831)

**Caroline University** (3600 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 1620, Los Angeles, CA 90010)

**HIS University** (1245 W 6th St, Corona, CA 92882)

**International American University** (3440 Wilshire Blvd. Suite #1000, Los Angeles, CA 90010)

**New College Franklin** (136 3rd Ave S, Franklin, TN 37064)

**Redeemed Christian Bible College and Seminary** (4320 Highway 380 Business, Greenville, TX 75401)

#### **ACCREDITED STATUS**

Accredited Status is granted to institutions that are in Substantive Compliance with the TRACS Standards. Substantive Compliance indicates that the Accreditation Commission has determined that an institution's level of compliance is sufficient to warrant accreditation and that the institution can come into full compliance with all the Accreditation Standards within a maximum of two years. Initial accreditation is for a period of five years. For Reaffirmation I, each institution must complete a successful self-study, host an on-site team evaluation, respond to the team recommendations, and appear before the Accreditation Commission by November 2024.

The following institutions were granted Accredited Status by the TRACS Accreditation Commission after completing a successful self-study and being evaluated by an on-site evaluation team:

**Champion Christian College** (600 Garland Avenue, Hot Springs, AR 71913)

**College of the Ozarks** (100 Opportunity Ave., Point Lookout, MO 65726)

**Underwood University** (2855 Rolling Pin Lane, Suwanee, GA 30024)

**Virginia Bible College** (1006 Williamstown Drive, Dumfries, VA 22026)

## **DEFERRAL OF ACCREDITED STATUS**

**University of South Los Angeles** (555 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., Gardena, CA 90248)

The TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to defer granting Accredited Status to the University of South Los Angeles (USLA). This action was taken due to the institution's inability to demonstrate a recent history of financial stability (Standard 11.2 - IER). The Commission action of deferral requires that USLA submit a Progress Report by February 15, 2020, addressing the remaining Finding, Recommendations, and Suggestions originally detailed in the Evaluation Team Report. Once it has been determined that USLA is able to demonstrate the appropriate level of compliance with the issues leading to the deferral, the institution will be able to appear before the Accreditation Commission for reconsideration of Accredited status.

## **REAFFIRMATION**

Reaffirmation is granted to institutions that are in Substantive Compliance with the TRACS Standards. Substantive Compliance indicates that the Accreditation Commission has determined that an institution's level of compliance is sufficient to warrant accreditation and that the institution can come into full compliance with all the Accreditation Standards within a maximum of two years. Reaffirmation is for a period of ten years with an Interim Fifth Year Review (IFYR). For the next Reaffirmation cycle, the institution must complete a successful self-study, host an on-site team evaluation, respond to the team recommendations, and appear before the Accreditation Commission by November 2029.

The following institutions were granted Reaffirmation by the TRACS Accreditation Commission after completing a successful self-study and being evaluated by an on-site evaluation team:

**Pacific Islands University** (172 Kinney's Road, Mangilao, Guam 96913)

**Veritas International University** (3000 W. MacArthur Boulevard, Suite 207, Santa Ana, CA 92704)

## **DEFERRAL OF REAFFIRMATION I / PLACE ON SHOW CAUSE**

**Faith Theological Seminary** (529 Walker Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21212)

The TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to defer granting Reaffirmation I to Faith Theological Seminary (FTS) and to require the institution to Show Cause why the institution's Accredited Status should not be removed. This action was taken due to the institution's failure to demonstrate compliance with Standards 5.1, 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 17.3, and 17.12 (all Institutional Eligibility Requirements). FTS must submit a written report to the TRACS office, providing the reasons why the Accreditation Commission should not terminate the institution's accreditation. FTS may appeal the Commission's decision by following the procedures outlined in Board Policy 219. If notice of FTS's intent to appeal the Commission's decision is not received in the TRACS office according to policy, the Commission's decision will become final.

## **PLACE ON SHOW CAUSE**

### **Yuin University** (2007 East Compton Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221)

The TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to require Yuin University (YU) to Show Cause why the institution's Candidate Status should not be removed. This action was taken due to the institution's failure to demonstrate compliance with Standards 4.1, 11.1, and 11.2 (all Institutional Eligibility Requirements). YU must submit a written report to the TRACS office, providing the reasons why the Accreditation Commission should not terminate the institution's candidacy. YU may appeal the Commission's decision by following the procedures outlined in Board Policy 219. If notice of YU's intent to appeal the Commission's decision is not received in the TRACS office according to policy, the Commission's decision will become final.

## **TERMINATION OF ACCREDITATION**

### **Apex School of Theology** (1701 T.W. Alexander Drive, Durham, NC 27703)

The TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to deny granting Reaffirmation II and terminate the Accreditation of Apex School of Theology (ASOT). These actions were taken pursuant to TRACS Board Policy 211 (Section G,3,d-f) and as a result of the Commission's determinations that ASOT not only failed to correct the non-compliance issues which led to the Commission placing the institution on "Show Cause" at the April 2019 Commission meeting, but that additional non-compliances with Institutional Eligibility Requirement (IER) associated Standards exist. Specifically, the institution failed to demonstrate compliance with Standards 4.1, 11.1, 17.10, and 17.12 (all IERs). ASOT may appeal the Commission's decision by following the procedures outlined in TRACS Board Policy 219. If notice of ASOT's intent to appeal the Commission's decision is not received in the TRACS office according to policy, the Commission's decision will become final.

## **STANDARD AND POLICY REVIEW**

The TRACS Accreditation Commission gave final approval for changes to the *TRACS Policies and Procedures Manual*. The Commission approved a new policy (BP 223) and approved changes to the following existing TRACS policies: 207, 211, 219, and 305. These policies were previously distributed to TRACS member institutions and posted on the TRACS website for a 30-day comment period.

## **SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES APPROVED BY THE ACCREDITATION COMMISSION**

The TRACS Accreditation Commission approved the following substantive changes:

### **Bakke Graduate University** (8515 Greenville Ave., S206, Dallas, TX 75243-7039)

- *To add a Ph.D. program*

### **California Arts University** (4100 W. Commonwealth Avenue #101, Fullerton, CA 92833)

- *To add a Doctor of Musical Arts degree program (Change of category)*

### **Reformed University** (1724 Atkinson Rd NW, Lawrenceville, GA 30043)

- *To add Distance Education*

### **Sierra States University** (1818 S. Western Ave. #304, Los Angeles, CA 90006)

- *To add Distance Education*

## **INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES REVIEWED BY THE ACCREDITATION COMMISSION**

The TRACS Accreditation Commission reviewed the following institutional changes, previously approved by TRACS:

Association Free Lutheran Theological Seminary and Bible School (3134 E. Medicine Lake Boulevard, Plymouth, MN 55441)

- *To change the name of the institution to "Free Lutheran Bible College and Seminary"*

Beulah Heights University (892 Berne Street SE, Atlanta, GA 30316)

- *To add a teaching site at: 488 Seoseongilro, Seongsan-eup, Seogwipo-si, Jeju-do, South Korea 92840*

California Graduate School of Theology (11277 Garden Grove Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 92843)

- *To relocate the institution to: 12761 Euclid Street, Garden Grove, CA 92840*
- *To change the name of the institution to "Haven University"*
- *To add a teaching site at: 274 Ladphrao Road, Ladphrao Lane 130, Yaek 6, Bangkapi District, Bangkok, Thailand 10240*
- *To add a teaching site at: 115/77 Moo 7, Tambon Padad, Muang District, Chiang Mai, Thailand 50000*

Community Christian College (1849 N. Wabash Ave, Redlands, CA 92374-4970)

- *To relocate the institution to: 1174 Nevada Street, Suite 200, Redlands, CA 92374*

Epic Bible College and Graduate School (4330 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841)

- *To add a teaching site at: 3000 N. Grant Avenue, Springfield, MO 65803*

Hiwassee College (225 Hiwassee College Drive, Madisonville, TN 37354)

- *To close the institution*

John Witherspoon College (4021 Range Road, Rapid City, SD 57709)

- *To relocate the institution to: 4024 Sheridan Lake Road, Rapid City, SD 57702*

Kernel University (905 South Euclid Street #213, Fullerton, CA 92833)

- *To add a teaching site at: 120-64 Haga-ri Aewol-eup, Jeju-si, Jeju-do, South Korea*

Shorter College (604 Locust Street, North Little Rock, AR 72114)

- *To offer dual enrollment courses to students enrolled at: North Little Rock High School, 5500 Lynch Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72117*

Visible Music College (200 Madison Avenue, Memphis, TN 38103)

- *To relocate the Dallas teaching site to: 2801 Orchid Drive, McKinney, TX 75070*