

**Transnational Association of
Christian Colleges and Schools
Accreditation Commission Meeting
April 20-22, 2015**

Hyatt Regency DFW
2334 International Parkway
Dallas, TX 75261

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 a five-years. During that time, each institution must come into *Substantive Compliance* with all the Accreditation Standards, conduct a self-study, host an on-site team evaluation, and appear before the Accreditation Commission for Accredited Status by April 2020. 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:

Elim Bible Institute (7245 College Street, Lima, NY 14485)

At the meeting on April 21, 2015, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to grant Elim Bible Institute and College Candidate Status as a Category I institution

The Commission action requires that the institution submit a Progress Report for any remaining recommendations and suggestions by August 15, 2015. The Commission action requires that the institution provide evidence of coming into compliance with all remaining Recommendations and Suggestions by August 15, 2016, and provide documentation supporting this for presentation at the fall 2016 Accreditation Commission meeting. The institution must come into compliance with all remaining Recommendations and Suggestions prior to receiving permission to move to the process for Accredited Status.

John Witherspoon College (4021 Range Road, Rapid City, SD 57702)

At the meeting on April 21, 2015, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to grant John Witherspoon College Candidate Status as a Category II institution with one Condition.

The Commission action requires that the institution submit a Progress Report for any remaining recommendations and suggestions by August 15, 2015. The Commission action requires that the institution provide evidence of coming into compliance with all remaining Recommendations and Suggestions by February 15, 2017, and provide documentation supporting this for presentation at the spring 2017 Accreditation Commission meeting. The institution must come into compliance with all remaining Recommendations and Suggestions prior to receiving permission to move to the process for Accredited Status.

Reformed University (1724 Atkinson Road, Lawrenceville, GA 30043)

At the meeting on April 21, 2015, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to grant Reformed University Candidate Status as a Category III institution.

The Commission action requires that the institution submit a Progress Report for any remaining recommendations and suggestions by August 15, 2015. The Commission action requires that the institution provide evidence of coming into compliance with all remaining Recommendations and Suggestions by August 15, 2016, and provide documentation supporting this for presentation at the fall 2016 Accreditation Commission meeting. The institution must come into compliance with all remaining Recommendations and Suggestions prior to receiving permission to move to the process for Accredited Status.

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. Federal Regulations require that an Adverse Action be taken if any institution, approved at this meeting, fails to come into compliance with all standards by February 15, 2017. Initial accreditation is for a period of five years. For Reaffirmation, 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 April 2020.

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:

Bethel Bible Seminary (45-47 Grampian Road, Hong Kong)

The Accreditation Commission at its April 21, 2015, meeting voted to grant Bethel Bible Seminary Accredited Status as a Category IV institution.

The Commission action requires that the institution submit a Progress Report for any remaining recommendations and suggestions by August 15, 2015. The Commission action requires that the institution provide evidence of coming into compliance with all remaining Recommendations and Suggestions by August 15, 2016, and provide documentation supporting this for presentation at the fall 2016 Accreditation Commission meeting. Failure to meet this deadline may require the Commission to take an Adverse Action.

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

The Accreditation Commission at its April 21, 2015, meeting voted to grant Faith Theological Seminary Accredited Status as a Category IV institution with one condition.

The Commission action requires that the institution submit a Progress Report for any remaining recommendations and suggestions by August 15, 2015. The Commission action requires that the institution provide evidence of coming into compliance with all remaining Recommendations and Suggestions by August 15, 2016, and provide documentation supporting this for presentation at the fall 2016 Accreditation Commission

meeting. Failure to meet this deadline may require the Commission to take an Adverse Action.

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. Federal Regulations require that an Adverse Action be taken if any institution, approved at this meeting, fails to come into compliance with all standards by February 15, 2017. Reaffirmation is for a period of ten years with an interim five-year Quality Compliance Review (QCR). For the next Reaffirmation cycle, 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 April 2025.

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

Luther Rice University (3038 Evans Mill Road, Lithonia, GA 30038)

At the meeting on April 21, 2015, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to grant Luther Rice University Reaffirmation III status as a Category IV institution.

The Commission action requires that the institution submit a Progress Report for any remaining recommendations and suggestions by August 15, 2015. The Commission action requires that the institution provide evidence of coming into compliance with all remaining Recommendations and Suggestions by February 15, 2016, and provide documentation supporting this for presentation to the spring 2016 Accreditation Commission meeting. Failure to meet this deadline may require the Commission to take an Adverse Action.

DEFERRAL

International Baptist College and Seminary (2211 W Germann Road, Chandler, AZ)

At the meeting on April 21, 2015, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to defer the granting to International Baptist College and Seminary (IBC&S) Reaffirmation II status as a Category IV institution.

This action was taken because of the noncompliance of IBC&S with the following standards which are required for basic compliance as detailed in the TRACS Institutional Eligibility Requirements: 7.4, 15.1, and 21.2. The Commission action requires that the institution submit a Progress Report addressing these three standards and for the remaining Recommendations of the visiting team by August 15, 2015. Since the current accreditation for IBC&S will expire in October 2015, it is necessary that the institution provide documentation that it has come into compliance with the standards listed above by August 15, 2015.

ADVERSE ACTION

Community Christian College (1849 N Wabash Avenue, Redlands, CA 92374)

On April 21, 2015, the Accreditation Commission voted to place CCC on Probation. An institution placed on Probation has no more than one year from the date of the meeting at which the institution was placed on Probation to correct its deficiencies and come into compliance with the Accreditation Standards. This action requires the institution to document compliance with the TRACS financial stability standards (17.1, 17.4, 17.5, and 17.7) and submit written progress reports on August 15, 2015, and February 15, 2016, which evidence the institution's steps toward compliance.

The institution will maintain the current Accredited Status until the consideration by the Accreditation Commission of the institutions progress at the meeting in April 2016.

In October 2015, the Accreditation Commission will review the Progress Report received from CCC. At the meeting in April 2016, the Accreditation Commission has the following options: If the institution corrects its deficiencies and comes into compliance with the Accreditation Standards within the period allowed, the Accreditation Commission will remove the institution from Probation. If the institution has not corrected its deficiencies and come into compliance with the Accreditation Standards within the period allowed, the Accreditation Commission can:

- i. Grant an extension of *Probation* for no more than one year (This can only be granted one time and is not granted as a matter of right); or
- ii. Require the institution to Show Cause why its accreditation should not be terminated.

The action of the Accreditation Commission was based on the determination that the institution's non-compliance with the Accreditation Standards is substantively significant and immediately threatens the institution's ability to fulfill its mission or to provide a quality educational experience consistent with that associated with an accredited postsecondary institution, and CCC has, or can reasonably obtain the resources to correct.

INSTITUTIONS APPROVED TO OFFER A LEVEL NOT PREVIOUSLY OFFERED

Each of the following institutions were approved to offer programs of study at a degree or credential level different from that which are included in the institutions' current accreditation. These changes require a comprehensive evaluation of each institution, including a Self-Study and a report from a visiting team.

Charlotte Christian College and Theological Seminary (3117 Whiting Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28205)

- *To change from a Category III to a Category IV institution*

Grace School of Theology (3705 College Park Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77384)

- *To change from a Category III to a Category IV institution*

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES APPROVED BY ACCREDITATION COMMISSION

The TRACS Accreditation Commission on April 21, 2015, approved the following Substantive Changes:

Charlotte Christian College and Theological Seminary (3117 Whiting Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28205)

- *To update the requirements for the M.A. in Biblical Studies degree program*
- *To update the institution's mission statement*
- *To add a D.Min. program, changing from a Category III to a Category IV institution*

Clinton College (1029 Crawford Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730)

- *To add Distance Education*

Grace School of Theology (3705 College Park Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77384)

- *To add a D.Min. program, changing from a Category III to a Category IV institution*

Ivy Christian College (9401 Mathy Drive #200, Fairfax, VA 22031)

- *To add a B.B.A. degree program*

Piedmont International University (420 S Broad Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101)

- *To acquire the following institution:
Tennessee Temple University*
- *To add an M.A. in Leadership*
- *To add a Ph.D. in Leadership*
- *To add a B.S. in Sign Language Interpreting*

Veritas Evangelical Seminary (3000 W. MacArthur Blvd., Suite 220, Santa Ana, CA 92704)

- *To add Distance Education*

INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES ACCEPTED BY ACCREDITATION COMMISSION

The TRACS Accreditation Commission on April 21, 2015, accepted the following Institutional Changes, approved by TRACS:

EUCON International College (P.O. Box 500087 CK, Saipan, MP 96950)

- *To change the name of the institution to "EUCON International University"*

Grace School of Theology (3705 College Park Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77384)

- *To establish a teaching site at: Santo Domingo, 34, 41970 Santiponce, Sevilla, Spain*
- *To establish a teaching site at: Seminario Teológico Bautista de Puerto Rico, 138 Ave. W. Churchill, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00926-6023*

The King's University (2121 East Southlake Boulevard, Southlake, TX 76092)

- *To establish a teaching site at: Life Church, 16111 S. Lone Elm Road, Olathe, KS 66062*
- *To establish a teaching site at: Christ Fellowship Church, 5312 Northlake Boulevard, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418*
- *To establish a teaching site at: Radiant Church, 8157 East DE Ave., Richland, MI 49083*

International Baptist College (2211 W. Germann Road, Chandler, AZ 85286)

- *To establish a teaching site at: Tri-City Baptist Church, 6953 West 92nd Lane, Westminster, Colorado 80021*

Northland International University (W10085 Pike Plains Road, Dunbar, WI 54119)

- *To close the institution*

Shepherds Theological Seminary (6051 Tryon Road, Cary, NC 27518)

- *To establish a teaching site at: 408 E 24th Street, Bryan, TX 77803*

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

- *To establish a teaching site at: Alexander Youth Services Center, 1501 Woody Drive, Alexander, AR 72002*
- *To establish a teaching site at: North Little Rock High School, 101 West 22nd Street, North Little Rock, AR 72114*

Southern California Seminary (2075 East Madison Avenue, El Cajon, CA 92019)

- *To close branch campus in Sevilla, Spain*

Tennessee Temple University (1815 Union Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37404)

- *To close the institution*

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

- *To establish a teaching site at: 5200 Bryan Street, Dallas, TX 95206*