



**Transnational Association of Christian
Colleges and Schools
Accreditation Commission Meeting
April 23-24, 2018**

Hyatt Regency DFW International Airport
2334 International Parkway
Dallas, TX 75261

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 a five years. During that time, each institution must come into Substantive Compliance with all of the Accreditation Standards, conduct a self-study, host an on-site team evaluation, and appear before the Accreditation Commission for Accredited Status by April 2023. 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 Arts University (4100 W. Commonwealth Avenue #101, Fullerton, CA 92833)

At the meeting on April 24, 2018, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to grant California Arts University (CAU) Candidate status as a Category III institution. The Commission action requires that the institution submit a Progress Report by August 15, 2018, addressing any remaining recommendations and suggestions of the visiting team. Additionally, CAU must demonstrate compliance with all remaining recommendations prior to receiving permission to begin the process for Accredited Status.

College of the Ozarks (100 Opportunity Avenue, Point Lookout, MO 65726)

At the meeting on April 24, 2018, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to grant College of the Ozarks (COO) Candidate status as a Category II institution. The Commission action requires that the institution submit a Progress Report by August 15, 2018, addressing any remaining recommendations and suggestions of the visiting team. Additionally, COO must demonstrate compliance with all remaining recommendations prior to receiving permission to begin the process for Accredited Status.

Northern California Bible College (4439 Stoneridge Dr., Suite 210, Pleasanton, CA 94588)

At the meeting on April 24, 2018, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to grant Northern California Bible College (NCBC) Candidate status as a Category II institution. The Commission action requires that the institution submit a Progress Report by August 15, 2018, addressing any remaining recommendations and suggestions of the visiting team. Additionally, NCBC must demonstrate compliance with all remaining recommendations prior to receiving permission to begin the process for Accredited Status.

Western Covenant University (680 Wilshire Place, Suite 310, Los Angeles, CA 90005)

At the meeting on April 24, 2018, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to grant Western Covenant University (WCU) Candidate status as a Category III institution. The Commission action requires that the institution submit a Progress Report by August 15, 2018, addressing any remaining recommendations and suggestions of the visiting team. Additionally, WCU must demonstrate compliance with all remaining recommendations prior to receiving permission to begin the process for Accredited Status.

Yuin University (2007 E. Compton Blvd., Compton, CA 90221)

At the meeting on April 24, 2018, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to grant Yuin University (YU) Candidate status as a Category IV institution. The Commission action requires that the institution submit a Progress Report by August 15, 2018, addressing any remaining recommendations and suggestions of the visiting team. Additionally, YU must demonstrate compliance with all remaining recommendations prior to receiving permission to begin the process for Accredited Status.

DEFERRAL OF CANDIDATE STATUS

Hosanna Bible College (3519 Fayetteville St, Durham, NC 27707)

At the meeting on April 24, 2018, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to defer granting Candidate status to Hosanna Bible College (HBC) as a Category IV institution. This action was taken due to the institution's inability to demonstrate compliance with TRACS Standard 17.1 / IER #7b. TRACS Standard 17.1 requires institutions to demonstrate *that "Finances are adequate to support the staffing, facilities, equipment, materials, and support services for the approved programs and will continue to do so into the future."* The Commission action of deferral requires that HBC submit a Progress Report by August 15, 2018, addressing the remaining recommendations and suggestions of the visiting team.

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 April 2023.

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

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

At the meeting on April 24, 2018, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to grant Elim Bible Institute and College Accredited status as a Category I institution. The Commission action requires that the institution submit a Progress Report by August 15, 2018, addressing any remaining recommendations and suggestions of the visiting team.

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 April 2028.

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:

Pensacola Christian College (250 Brent Lane, Pensacola, FL 32503)

At the meeting on April 24, 2018, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to grant Pensacola Christian College Reaffirmation I status as a Category IV institution. The Commission action requires that the institution submit a Progress Report by August 15, 2018, addressing any remaining recommendations and suggestions of the visiting team.

REMOVAL OF ADVERSE ACTION

Maple Springs Baptist Bible College and Seminary (4130 Belt Road, Capitol Heights, MD 20743)

At the meeting on April 24, 2018, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to remove Maple Springs Baptist Bible College and Seminary from Probation after determining that the institution has demonstrated financial stability and compliance with TRACS Standards 17.1 (Institutional Eligibility Requirement) and 17.5.

ADVERSE ACTION

Boston Baptist College (950 Metropolitan Avenue, Boston, MA 02136)

On April 24, 2018, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to continue Boston Baptist College (BBC) on Probation until the October 2018 Accreditation Commission meeting for failure to adequately maintain the financial stability of the institution and for non-compliance with TRACS Standards 17.1, 17.4, and 17.5. BBC will have six months to come into compliance with these Standards with a Progress Report due August 15, 2018. The institution has a right to appeal this action, and the action will not become final until the expiration of the appeal period.

Morthland College (202 East Oak Street, West Frankfort, IL 62896)

On April 24, 2018, the TRACS Accreditation Commission required Morthland College to Show Cause why its accreditation should not be revoked, thereby changing the status of the institution from "Accredited – on Probation" to "Accredited – on Show Cause." The institution must come into compliance with all TRACS Standards identified in the Commission action within the time frame established by Board Policy. The institution has a right to appeal this action, and the action will not become final until the expiration of the appeal period.

VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL FROM ACCREDITATION

At the meeting on April 24, 2018, the Accreditation Commission accepted the request of the following institution to withdraw from accreditation. According to TRACS policy, a withdrawal will become final on the last day of the academic term during which the request for withdrawal is received by TRACS.

Mid-America Reformed Seminary (229 Seminary Drive, Dyer, IN 46311)

Effective date: December 15, 2017

STANDARDS REVIEW

At the meeting on April 24, 2018, the TRACS Accreditation Commission approved a reformatted Accreditation Manual. This action was taken after the manual had been submitted for a 30-day public comment period.

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES APPROVED BY THE ACCREDITATION COMMISSION

At the meeting on April 24, 2018, the TRACS Accreditation Commission approved the following substantive changes:

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

- *To establish a branch campus at Calvin University in Seoul, South Korea*

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

- *To relocate the corporate presence of the University from California to Texas (entity transition)*

Virginia Beach Theological Seminary (2221 Centerville Turnpike, Virginia Beach, VA 23464)

- *To add a Doctor of Ministry program (and move from a Category III to a Category IV institution)*

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

- *To add a Bachelor's degree in Acting*
- *To add a Certificate program in Acting*
- *To add a Certificate program in Dance*

INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES REVIEWED BY THE ACCREDITATION COMMISSION

At the meeting on April 24, 2018, the TRACS Accreditation Commission reviewed the following institutional changes, previously approved by TRACS:

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

- *To establish a teaching site at: 1000 Venice Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90015*
- *To relocate Marietta, GA, teaching site to: 1900 The Exchange, Suite 4025, Marietta, GA 30339*

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

- *To relocate San Diego teaching site to: 740 Hilltop Drive, Chula Vista, California 91910*

Grace Mission University (1645 W. Valencia Dr., Fullerton, CA 92833)

- *To relocate Los Angeles teaching site to: 3020 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90010*

Oxford Graduate School (500 Oxford Drive, Dayton, TN 37321)

- *To change the name of the institution to "Omega Graduate School"*

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

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