

**Transnational Association of  
Christian Colleges and Schools**

**Accreditation Commission Meeting  
The Founders Inn and Spa  
Virginia Beach, VA  
April 5-7, 2009**

**ACCREDITATION COMMISSION ACTION**

**ACCREDITATION**

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

**EUCON International College** (Kulales Place, Gualo Rai, Middle Road, Saipan, MP 96950, USA, P.O. Box 500087 CK, Saipan, MP 96950 USA) a Category II institution, approved to offer certificates and bachelor's degrees, appeared before the TRACS Accreditation Commission at 9:00 a.m. on April 7, 2009, and was **granted Accredited status for a period of five years.**

Within the next five-years, the above Institution must complete a successful self-study, host an on-site evaluation team visit, and appear before the TRACS Accreditation Commission for Reaffirmation I by 2014.

**CANDIDACY**

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

**Georgia Christian University** (646 Exchange Place, Lilburn, Georgia 30047) a Category IV institution, approved to offer the diploma (certificate), the bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees, appeared before the TRACS Accreditation Commission at 10:00 a.m. on April 7, 2009, and **was granted Candidacy Status**, for a five-year period. The Institution must complete a successful self-study, host an on-site evaluation team visit, and appear before the Accreditation Commission for Accredited status by 2014.

**Grace Mission University** (1645 W. Valencia Drive, Fullerton, CA 92833) a Category III institution, approved to offer the bachelor's and master's degrees, including distance learning appeared before the TRACS Accreditation Commission at 3:00 p.m. on

April 7, 2009, and **was granted Candidacy Status** for a five-year period. The Institution must complete a successful self-study, host an on-site evaluation team visit, and appear before the Accreditation Commission for Accredited status by 2014.

**Lutheran Brethren Seminary** (815 West Vernon Avenue, Fergus Falls, Minnesota 56537) a Category III institution, approved to offer the certificate, the bachelor's and master's degrees, appeared before the TRACS Accreditation Commission at 1:00 p.m. on April 7, 2009, and **was granted Candidacy Status** for a five-year period. The Institution must complete a successful self-study, host an on-site evaluation team visit, and appear before the Accreditation Commission for Accredited status by 2014.

**University of Fort Lauderdale** (4093 N.W. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Lauderdale, Florida 33313) a Category IV institution, approved to offer the associate's, the bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees, appeared before the TRACS Accreditation Commission at 10:00 a.m. on April 7, 2009, and **was granted Candidacy Status** for a five-year period. The Institution must complete a successful self-study, host an on-site evaluation team visit, and appear before the Accreditation Commission for Accredited status by 2014.

## **DEFERRED**

**Hiwassee College** (225 Hiwassee College Drive, Madisonville, Tennessee) appeared before the TRACS Accreditation Commission at 2:00 p.m. on April 7, 2009. **The Commission deferred Hiwassee College for Candidacy as a Category I institution** until such time as Hiwassee College can demonstrate institutional compliance with the biblical foundational standards of TRACS (Standards 1.1-1.5). In order to monitor the institution, Hiwassee College must submit a Progress Report by August 15, 2009, updating the Commission on the above condition and address the remaining "In-Progress" Recommendations.

## **SHOW CAUSE**

**Midwest University** (851 Parr Road, Wentzville, MO 63385) appeared before the TRACS Accreditation Commission at 4:00 p.m. on April 7, 2009, for Reaffirmation I status as a Category IV institution. Midwest University was put on **Show Cause** as to why their accreditation should not be terminated. The institution has failed to show compliance with the standards in the following areas:

- Fiscal Instability , Recommendations 37 (18.4, 18.9), 38 (18.5), and 39 (18.6)
- Educational Programs not appropriate for national norms, Standards 10 and 11 (Multiple Recommendations)
- Policies and Procedures have been written, but not followed, Recommendation 7 (9.2a)
- Publications have inaccurately represented degrees and programs, which they have been approved to offer, Recommendation 6 (8.2)
- The Role of the Board as defined in the Policies and Procedures Manual is not in fact practiced by the institution, Standard 5 (Multiple Recommendations)

## INSTITUTIONAL FOLLOW-UP REPORTS

**Saint Petersburg Theological Seminary** (10830 Navajo Drive, Saint Petersburg, FL 33708) a Category IV Institution, approved to offer certificates, the Bachelor's, Master's and doctoral degrees, along with distance learning programs, will maintain **Reaffirmation I status, but will continue on Warning until the Accreditation Commission meeting in November 2009.** The Institution was placed on Warning for the following reasons:

1. Financial stability
2. Leadership stability
3. Faculty stability.

**Agape College** (701 Napa Valley Drive, P. O. Box 25431, Little Rock, AR 72221) **remains Deferred** for Candidacy Status until the November 2009 Commission Meeting. The reasons for deferral are as follows:

1. Evidence of Financial stability based on accrual (IER #11)
2. Employ adequate and qualified faculty (IER 7, 8)
3. Reach Full Compliance with all the IERs.

## SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES

The following institutions were **granted approval** by the TRACS Accreditation Commission for substantive changes:

### **Apex School of Theology**

- *To add the following three teaching sites:*
  - Bible Center One Accord Holiness Church*  
*2330 Murchison Road*  
*Fayetteville, North Carolina 28301*
  - Alabama Teaching Site*  
*17 Kalin Street*  
*Phenix City, Alabama 36869*
  - Union Baptist Church*  
*1200 North Trade Street*  
*Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101*

### **Beacon University**

- *To change legal status*
- *To change location*
- *To add a Diploma Program in Biblical Studies*

### **Bob Jones University**

- *To add a new Master of Education in Teaching & Learning*
- *To reorganize Biology Major*

**Carolina Evangelical Divinity School**

- *To change the location of their campus*

**Community Christian College**

- *To add a teaching site in Hawaiian Gardens, CA*

**International Baptist College**

- *To initiate on-line interactive distance learning*
- *To restart Master of Divinity program*

**Messenger College**

- *To add the following three teaching sites:*

*Family Worship Center  
1053 Frankfurt Road  
Lawrenceburg, KY 40342*

*First Pentecostal Church of God  
1110 Bellefonte Road  
Flatwoods, KY 41139-2504*

*Life Christian Center  
721 Princeton Road  
Madisonville, KY 42431*

**Northland Baptist Bible College**

- *To offer Distance Education*
- *To change name to Northland International University*

**New Life Theological Seminary**

- *To add a teaching site in Charlotte, NC*

**Pacific Islands Bible College**

- *To change their name to Pacific Islands University*
- *To add a remedial Certificate in Basic English*

**Southern California Seminary**

- *To add a teaching site in Jaen, Spain*

**Southern Evangelical Seminary**

- *To change D. Phil in Apologetics to D.Phil. of Religion*
- *To close teaching center in Albuquerque, NM*

**The King's College and Seminary**

- *To add a teaching site in Hong Kong, China*

**Visible School – Music and Worship Arts College**

- *To change location of campus*
- *To delete the Film Division from the Media Production Ministry Program*

**Word of Life Bible Institute**

- *To change to a credit-hour institution*

The following are informational items. (All were presented to the Commission.)

## **QUALITY COMPLIANCE REVIEW (QCR) REPORTS**

*(Fifth-year review in the ten-year cycle)*

- **Heritage Bible College** (Dunn, NC)—October 2008

### **Mentoring Staff Visits**

1. Midwest University (MO) November 13-15, 2008
2. Beacon University (GA) December 10, 2008
3. Southern Catholic College (GA) January 23, 2009
4. Saint Petersburg Theological Seminary (FL)—January 2009
5. Eastern Carolina Christian College (NC) February 20-21, 2009
6. Faith Theological Seminary, (MD) February 23-24, 2009
7. Visible School-Music & Worship Arts College (TN) February 29-20, 2009

### **Institutional Staff Meetings** *(held at the TRACS Office)*

1. Beacon University *(Reaffirmation I)*
2. Barber-Scotia *(applicant)*
3. Fountain International University *(corresponding)*
4. Vision International University *(corresponding)*
5. Carolina Christian College *(corresponding)*
6. Saint Petersburg Theological Seminary *(Reaffirmation I)*

### **Applications under Review** *(Information only)*

1. Ave Maria University
2. Barber-Scotia College (NC)
3. Calvary Leadership Institute
4. Eastern Theological Seminary
5. HIS University
6. National Bible College & Seminary
7. Southern Catholic University
8. TRI-Valley University
9. University of the Holy Land
10. World Pacific University