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SACSCOC OFFERS AMAZING NEW HOPE FOR SOUTHWESTERN'S ACCREDITATION PROCESS

Terrell, Texas—Dr. E. D. Seamster, Jr., President and CEO of Southwestern Christian College, is pleased to share exciting news from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, the respected governing body that determines accreditation for schools under its SACSCOC jurisdiction.

Every 10 years, SACSCOC officials conduct onsite visits to schools issued accreditation by this governing authority. Their extensive investigation includes everything from board policy to institutional effectiveness, from credit course definitions to educational requirement for faculty. In November 2018, SACS officials visited the SwCC campus and performed a thorough affirmation schedule of events and queries.

On June 13, 2019, SACS rendered its final conclusions, which are as follows: **There will be no regulatory oversight of the College, no probationary period, and, no suspension.** Officials stated their intention to issue the lightest sanction a school can receive—in the form of a warning to Southwestern regarding a tardy audit. SACS will grant Southwestern up to 12 months to provide a timely audit with an update on fiscal responsibility.

“This is very positive news,” Dr. Seamster said of the SACS decision. “In an academic climate where so many HBCUs are not meeting accreditation standards and being closed, being sanctioned or placed under conditional oversight, this is such a tremendous blessing.” The President expressed his gratitude for the hard work and challenges of the past two years and the promised transparency that was delivered.

“I would like to thank everyone for supporting the vision for Southwestern, and how much changing the culture has done for our mission to attract more PhD professors, higher GPA students, and greater accountability.” The President applauded a team effort by the SwCC Board, the Chairman, faculty and staffers, who demonstrated a phenomenal work ethic as they navigated a streamlined infrastructure that allowed greater focus on the students, fundraising, and recruiting.

“We promised our stakeholders, students and parents, our donors and supporters, that we intended to stay ‘on the move’ bringing them the highest level of integrity and transparency in the school’s history. This is for everyone who holds dear our beloved Southwestern. Today, SACS has breathed new life into our accreditation process.”

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