

**Joint Statement from the Presidents of Northwest Vista College,  
San Antonio College, & St. Philip's College**

January 13, 2017

On Wednesday, January 11 and Thursday, January 12, respectively, San Antonio College, St. Philip's College and Northwest Vista College each received a separate letter from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) regarding the December 2016 Board Action placing each of the colleges on a 12-month warning period.

The six standards which need to be addressed are:

- **Comprehensive Standard 3.2.6**  
(Board/administrative distinction)
- **Comprehensive Standard 3.4.4**  
(Acceptance of academic credit)
- **Comprehensive Standard 3.4.5**  
(Academic policies)
- **Comprehensive Standard 3.4.10**  
(Responsibility for curriculum)
- **Comprehensive Standard 3.13**  
(Policy compliance: "Reaffirmation of Accreditation and Subsequent Reports")
- **Federal Requirement 4.7**  
(Title IV program responsibilities)

In the letters, the Commission requested each institution submit a report addressing these standards by September 8, 2017.

It is important to note that NVC, SAC, and SPC remain accredited by SACSCOC and continue to be fully operational.

Eligible students attending NVC, SAC and SPC are still able to receive federal financial aid, can still transfer to universities, and are still encouraged to graduate from their respective college, per their specific degree plan.

The college presidents have been working collaboratively, along with the Board of Trustees and Chancellor Bruce Leslie, to address all of the Commission's concerns and to make the recommended corrective actions.

The letters provide further clarity on the standards and provide specific instructions on what to include in the report due in September of this year.

**Our students remain the top priority.**

As presidents, we are committed to doing everything possible to ensure a long, fruitful future for Northwest Vista College, St. Philip's College, and San Antonio College.

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