

# SACSCOC removes probationary status for UofL

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DALLAS, Texas – The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges voted today to remove the University of Louisville from probationary status, effective immediately.

SACSCOC is the accrediting agency for higher education institutions in Kentucky and 10 other southern states. The organization removed the probation after a yearlong process in which the university addressed nine concerns in areas of governance, administration and finance.

“We are pleased with the decision by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to remove the probationary status,” said UofL Interim President Greg Postel. “Our faculty, staff and administration worked diligently to address the commission’s concerns, and we are on solid ground for the future. Our academic programs continue to be strong, and the SACSCOC decision should assure our students and alumni that a University of Louisville degree will continue to be valued.”

Postel stressed that the university’s academic programs were never in question. SACSCOC had raised concerns related to UofL’s governing board, CEO evaluation/selection, board conflict of interest, board external influence and board dismissal, as well as the university’s financial stability and control of finances.

“We’re excited any time our institutions come back into compliance,” said SACSCOC President Belle Wheelan. “The university worked hard to show that they cared about the university enough to make sure that there were no clouds hanging over them anymore and we are very proud.”

The probation interrupted UofL’s regular 10-year SACS accreditation process. That process will resume immediately, and a SACSCOC committee will be scheduled to visit the university in the spring.

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