



### KEY MESSAGES:

- The University of Louisville continues to be fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).
- UofL's probation does not impact student degrees.
- Probation does not affect UofL's ability to receive federal funding for student financial aid or research.
- The issues that led to probation are all related to board governance.
- The quality of the education we provide to our students is excellent.
- Our academic and research missions remain strong and are not the subject of this review.
- Probation does not affect UofL's membership in the NCAA. Nor does it affect the university's ability to compete in NCAA-sanctioned events.
- We continue to work with SACSCOC, government officials, and our internal administration to address the board governance concerns raised by SACSCOC.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS):

#### ***What action has the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) taken against UofL?***

SACSCOC has placed UofL on probation for a period of one year (December 2017), with a possible extension of an additional year (December 2018). The university remains fully accredited by SACSCOC while on probation.

#### ***Why has SACSCOC placed UofL on probation?***

The probation is based on issues with SACSCOC Core Requirement 2.2 on Board of Trustee membership and underpinning standards related to selection and evaluation of the university president (Comprehensive Standard 3.2.1), external influence (Comprehensive Standard 3.2.4) and Board of Trustee dismissal (Comprehensive Standard 3.2.5).

***What does probation mean?***

A university is put on probation when areas of non-compliance with SACSCOC standards have been detected. The institution is given a set length of time to correct the issues.

***The reasons listed were all governance-related. Did SACSCOC give any other reasons for probation?***

No.

***What does this probation do to the reputation of the University of Louisville?***

UofL and its reputation have grown tremendously over the past two decades. As long as the issues SACSCOC raised are addressed completely during the probationary period, we don't anticipate any long-term damage to our reputation.

***How does probation impact students?***

The probation does not impact our students' ability to receive financial aid; complete their academic work; or earn degrees. The impact on students is a public-relations concern that the university is working very hard to address. We want to reassure the entire community of the strength and resilience of our operations.

***Is there anything UofL can do to address these issues, or does it all fall on Frankfort?***

The university is working closely with our student, faculty, and staff leaders, with local and state government officials, and with SACSCOC to address the issues raised. We are confident that, working together, we will successfully address the issues raised by SACSCOC.

***Does Senate Bill (SB) 12 impact UofL's accreditation?***

SB 12 reduces the number of governor's appointees to the UofL board of trustees from 17 to 10. SACSCOC requires a board of 5 or more, so SB 12 is congruent with Core Requirement 2.2. On January 6, 2017, Robert King, President of the Kentucky Council of Postsecondary Education (CPE), issued a letter stating that CPE found no provision of SB 12 in obvious violation of the SACSCOC requirements and standards. SACSCOC has been notified of the new appointments to the university's board of trustees.

***How does Senate Bill (SB) 107 impact UofL's accreditation?***

SB 107 will define the process for board appointments and dismissals for all Kentucky public institutions of higher education. It is an important piece of legislation that, if enacted, could help UofL address the SACSCOC concerns about the governance of the institution. It will establish the platform to guide revisions to the UofL board by-laws, the university's governance document (The Redbook), and other relevant documents.

***How does UofL's probation by SACSCOC affect program-level accreditations?***

UofL has academic programs externally accredited or recognized by over 30 different organizations. For more information see <http://louisville.edu/accreditation>.

As required, each academic unit has notified or is in the process of notifying external accreditors of the university's status with SACSCOC. SACSCOC has also notified the U.S. Department of Education about the university's probation. Because the university remains accredited by SACSCOC while on probation there has been no loss of federal funds or negative action taken against our academic programs by these organizations.

***But what if you can't correct these issues? Won't students be affected then?***

We fully expect to have these issues corrected and be back in full compliance in the time period defined by SACSCOC. The University of Louisville is vital to the students, faculty, and staff, as well as to our community and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. We want to resolve these board governance issues as soon as possible and are working closely with internal leaders, government officials, and representatives of SACSCOC to ensure that we will be in compliance.