

University of Louisville

1. Statement of Compliance

Principle 1.1 - The institution operates with integrity in all matters. (Integrity)

To quote the SACSCOC Special Committee Report dated October 9, 2017:

Based on the extraordinary cooperation that the institution showed during the committee's visit and the interviews we conducted, the committee found that the U of L currently operates with integrity.

Page 11 of the SACSCOC Resource Manual states, *“In order for an institution to maintain accreditation in good standing, that is, without sanction, an institution must maintain compliance with all core requirements.”*

Within the boundaries of SACSCOC stated operating practice as documented in the above quote from the Resource Manual, the University of Louisville is in compliance with the Principles of Accreditation. The university has demonstrated its compliance with all of the items cited in the initial probation action, which includes Core Requirement 2.2 and Comprehensive Standards: 3.2.1, 3.2.4, and 3.2.5. Accordingly, pursuant to SACSCOC requirements, standards, policies, and procedures, the university is in good standing and expects to be removed from probation at the December 2017 annual meeting of SACSCOC.

As stated in the **SACSCOC Public Disclosure Statement** for UofL (dated December 15, 2016)

(<http://www.sacscoc.org/2016decActionsanddisclosurestatements/U%20Louisville%20-%20PLD.pdf>):

Probation is the most serious public sanction imposed by SACSCOC's Board of Trustees short of loss of accreditation. It can be imposed on an institution for failure to correct deficiencies of significant non-compliance with the Core Requirements, Comprehensive Standards, or Federal Requirements of the Principles of Accreditation of the Commission; failure to make timely and significant progress toward correcting the deficiencies; or failure to comply with Commission policies and procedures.

SACSCOC's Board of Trustees will consider the accreditation status of the University of Louisville following review of a Monitoring Report submitted by the institution addressing the standards cited above [2.2, 3.2.1, 3.2.4, 3.2.5] for non-compliance, and the report of a Special Committee that will visit the institution in fall 2017.

As documented by the Special Committee in its report dated October 9, 2017, the university has expended good faith effort and has made timely and significant progress toward correcting the deficiencies associated with the probation action.

SACSCOC staff assigned the following five additional comprehensive standards (CS) for review by the special committee.

- Comprehensive Standard 3.2.3 (Conflict of Interest)
- Comprehensive Standard 3.2.8 (Qualified Administrators)
- Comprehensive Standard 3.2.13 (Institution-related Entities)
- Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Fiscal Stability)
- Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Financial Control);

Of these additional standards, only two resulted in recommendations by the committee – CS 3.2.8 and CS 3.2.13. The university has compiled extensive documentation to address the remaining concerns and is confident that compliance with both standards has been demonstrated.

The University of Louisville takes great pride in the fact that it has been continuously accredited by SACSCOC since 1915. The university has taken great effort to maintain its good standing with SACS throughout the years and looks forward to the lifting by the Commission of its probationary status and to the completion of the university's 2017 Reaffirmation of Accreditation.