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**News Release  
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**SACSCOC ANNOUNCES THE  
DECISION ON THE APPEAL OF  
BREWTON-PARKER COLLEGE**

The leadership of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) was notified on September 29, 2014, that the Appeals Committee of the College Delegate Assembly had affirmed the June 19, 2014, decision of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees to terminate the accreditation of Brewton-Parker College. The Appeals Committee found the “SACSCOC Board of Trustee decision to be reasonable, not arbitrary, and based on the standards cited.” Further, the Committee determined that the College “did not present evidence that the SACSCOC’ Board of Trustees, in reaching its decision, failed to follow its procedures in its decision to remove membership.” However, during the Hearing, the Appeals Committee examined additional financial information provided by the College which was submitted in accord with the “Appeals Procedures of the College Delegate Assembly” that allows an institution removed from accreditation solely on the basis of finances to produce new, verifiable financial information made available since the adverse action was taken and that is material to the reason for the adverse action. The Appeals Committee found that Brewton-Parker College had produced evidence that it had new, verifiable information material to the Board’s June adverse decision. Consequently, the Committee remanded the case to the SACSCOC Board of Trustees for consideration during its meeting in December 2014.

The Appeals Committee did not find that the College had corrected previously identified financial problems that had led to non-compliance with the *Principles of Accreditation*; rather, it determined that the new financial information warranted consideration by the SACSCOC Board in December when it makes its decision regarding the College’s compliance with the financial standards of the membership. At that meeting, the Board of Trustees will have two options: (1)

to continue accreditation or (2) to remove accreditation for failure to demonstrate compliance with financial standards. Until then, Brewton-Parker College remains an accredited institution on Probation.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges is the regional commission responsible for accrediting degree-granting institutions in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and some institutions in Latin America. The Board of Trustees of SACS Commission on Colleges is the representative body of the over 800-member College Delegate Assembly and is charged with carrying out the accreditation process. To gain or maintain accreditation, an institution must comply with Commission policies and with all standards contained in the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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