The following publicly available information is provided by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) concerning the accreditation of the University of Virginia. Information presented below is in accord with the Commission’s disclosure policy; staff of the Commission cannot comment further on questions specifically related to the University of Virginia. The institution has reviewed this statement prior to public posting.

Action by the Board of Trustees of SACS Commission on Colleges took place on December 10, 2012, and the institution’s next review is December 2013.

**What is the accreditation status of the University of Virginia?** The University of Virginia is accredited by SACS Commission on Colleges; however, the institution was placed on Warning for twelve months following review of a special report on governance. Prior to the institution’s next review by the Commission in December 2013, a Special Committee will conduct an on-site evaluation of its compliance with the *Principles of Accreditation*—the accreditation standards of the Commission. The Commission’s accreditation includes all components of the institution—all programs, branch campuses, off-campus sites, and distance learning programs as reported to the Commission; thus, the Warning status applies to the entire institution. [The Warning status does not apply to the University of Virginia’s College at Wise. The College is a separately accredited institution.]

**What does Warning mean?** Warning is a public sanction imposed by the Commission on Colleges following determination of significant non-compliance with the Core Requirements, Comprehensive Standards, or the Federal Requirements of the *Principles of Accreditation* of the Commission, failure to make timely and significant progress toward correcting the deficiencies that led to the finding of non-compliance, or failure to comply with Commission policies and procedures. The maximum total time during one monitoring period that an institution may be on Warning is two years. In December 2013, the University of Virginia will have been on Warning for twelve months. For additional information about sanctions, see the Commission’s policy entitled “Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership” that can be accessed at [http://www.sacscoc.org/policies.asp](http://www.sacscoc.org/policies.asp).

**Why was the University of Virginia placed on Warning?** The University of Virginia was placed on Warning because the SACSCOC Board of Trustees determined that the institution had failed to demonstrate compliance with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing board) and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.5 (Faculty role in governance) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. These standards expect an institution to provide evidence that it (1) has a governing board that is not controlled by a minority of board members or by organizations or interests separate from it and (2) publishes policies on the responsibility and authority of faculty in academic and governance matters. (To read the full statements for the standards cited above, access the *Principles of Accreditation* at [http://www.sacscoc.org/principles.asp](http://www.sacscoc.org/principles.asp).)

**What will happen in December 2013?** The SACSCOC Board of Trustees will consider the accreditation status of the University of Virginia following review of a First Monitoring Report submitted by the institution addressing the standards cited above, and the report of a Special Committee that will visit the institution in fall 2013. The Board will have the following options: (1) remove the institution from Warning without an additional report; (2) continue Warning and request an additional report; (3) continue Warning or place the institution on Probation, authorize a Special Committee, and request an additional report; and (4) remove the institution from membership with the Commission on Colleges. Commission staff will not speculate on what decision might be made by the Board of Trustees in December 2013.

For additional information regarding the Commission’s accreditation process, access the *Principles of Accreditation* ([http://www.sacscoc.org/principles.asp](http://www.sacscoc.org/principles.asp)).