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Disclosure Statement Regarding the Status of
RANDOLPH-MACON WOMAN'S COLLEGE
Lynchburg, Virginia
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The following publicly available information is provided by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Inc., concerning the accreditation of Randolph-Macon Woman's College. Information presented below is in accord with the Commission's disclosure policy; staff of the Commission cannot comment further on questions specifically related to Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

The Commission on Colleges' action on Randolph-Macon Woman's College took place on December 11, 2006, and the institution's next review is December 2007.

What is the accreditation status of Randolph-Macon Woman's College? Randolph-Macon Woman's College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges; however, the institution has been placed on Warning for twelve months following review of a Substantive Change Committee Report on the institution's membership at a more advanced degree level offering the Master of Arts in Teaching and the Master of Education degrees. 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.

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 or the Comprehensive Standards 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. For additional information about sanctions, see page two of the Commission's policy entitled "Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership" (<http://www.sacscoc.org/pdf/Sanction.pdf>).

Why was Randolph-Macon Woman's College placed on Warning? Randolph-Macon Woman's College was placed on Warning because the Commission determined that it failed to demonstrate compliance with Core Requirement 2.11 (Resources) of the *Principles of Accreditation*—the accreditation standards of the Commission. This standard expects an accredited institution to provide evidence that it has a sound financial base and stability to support the mission of the institution. (To read the full statement for the standard cited above, access the *Principles of Accreditation* at <http://www.sacscoc.org/pdf/PrinciplesofAccreditation.PDF>.)

What will happen in December 2007? The Commission will again consider the accreditation status of Randolph-Macon Woman's College following review of a First Monitoring Report from the substantive change addressing the area cited for non-compliance. The Commission will have the following options: (1) remove Warning with or without an additional monitoring report; (2) continue Warning and request an additional report with or without authorization of a Special Committee; (3) place the institution on Probation, request an additional monitoring report, and authorize a Special Committee; or (4) remove the institution's accreditation. For additional information, access <http://www.sacscoc.org/pdf/Sanction.pdf> (p.3). Commission staff will not speculate on what decision might be made by the Commission in December 2007.

For additional information regarding the Commission's accreditation process, access the *Principles of Accreditation* (<http://www.sacscoc.org/pdf/PrinciplesofAccreditation.PDF>).