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SACSCOC REAFFIRMATION COMPLIANCE REPORT 2016





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Class of 2016

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 17, 2015

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, Georgia 30033

Dear SACSCOC Review Committee:

Thank you for reviewing the Compliance Certificate of St. Philip's College (SPC). The compliance review process required the participation of key administrators, faculty and staff in lead roles as well as the attention of everyone on campus to ensure an accurate presentation of our practices, policies, and outcomes to our peer reviewers.

St. Philip's College has been at the forefront of education for over a century, and continuous improvement has been an integral part of our college community for decades. We are proud that we have a college culture that can reflect on our accomplishments as we simultaneously continue to strive for constant improvement while on our journey to excellence. Our Compliance Report demonstrates both our commitment to our mission and our achievements in accomplishing that mission.

We appreciate the opportunity to share the results of our efforts with you.

Sincerely,

Adena Williams Loston, Ph.D.
President

- 4.7** The institution is in compliance with its program responsibilities under Title IV of the most recent *Higher Education Act* as amended. (In reviewing the institution's compliance with these program responsibilities, the Commission relies on documentation forwarded to it by the U.S. Department of Education.) **(Title IV program responsibilities)**

☒ Compliance ☐ Partial Compliance ☐ Non-Compliance

Narrative:

St. Philip's College is in compliance with Federal Requirement 4.7 by fulfilling program responsibilities under Title IV of the most recent *Higher Education Act* as amended.

St. Philip's College audits financial aid programs as required by federal and state regulations. The Alamo Community College District Board of Trustees appoints an independent audit firm to express an opinion on the fairness of the financial statements, as well as demonstrates its compliance with the A-133 single audit requirements, as evidenced in the following narrative. The [results of the single audit](#) are reviewed by the Alamo Community College District Board of Trustees and are published and submitted to the Department of Education as required.

St. Philip's College provides an effective program of financial aid, consistent with its purpose and reflecting the needs of its students. St. Philip's College is in compliance with its program responsibilities under Title IV of the 1998 Higher Education Amendments and audits financial aid programs as required by federal and state regulations.

St. Philip's College meets all audit requirements for Title IV administration in accordance with the 2013 U.S. Department of Education Program Participation Agreement (see the [transmittal letter](#) and [Program Participation Agreement](#)) and the [2014 U.S. Department of Education Approval Notice](#). The application for re-certification extends participation and eligibility to participate in Title IV programs until September 30, 2016.

The scope of coverage allowed by the Program Participation Agreement and Approval Notice is provided for in the [U.S. Department of Education Eligibility and Certification Approval Report](#) and includes the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Opportunity Grant, Federal Perkins Loan (St. Philip's College does not participate in this program), Federal Work Study, and the Federal Direct Loan Program.

Examples of Compliance

The U.S. Department of Education conducted a [program review](#) at St. Philip's College from May 7, 2012 to May 11, 2012, led by Sheree Porter and Regina Krob. While 12 findings were noted by the reviewers, St. Philip's College took action to correct all 12 issues to the satisfaction of the Department of Education. [St. Philip's College response](#), along with the [second report from the Department of Education](#) and the College's actions to correct one outstanding issue, show the effectiveness of the process by which St. Philip's College corrected all 12 issues. [A letter dated February 2, 2014 from the Department of Education](#) authorized the continuation Title IV programs at St. Philip's College. However, St. Philip's College is still awaiting a final program review determination letter from the Department of Education, as expressed in [email communication](#) between the Department of Education and Dr. Sherrie Lang, the College Vice President for Student Success.

In addition, St. Philip's College contracts with Ernst & Young to perform the annual A-133 audit required by the A-133 Circular Section .510(a). The most recent [audit for FY2014](#) (see also the [FY2013 audit](#)

and [FY2012 audit](#)) was completed in December 2014 and found that there were no material weaknesses and no significant deficiencies identified.

The most recent published cohort [default rates](#) for the Federal Family Education Loan Program at St. Philip's College is for FY2011. The DRAFT 3 Year default rate was 17.20% for FY2011, 23.40% for FY2010, and 23.1% for FY2009. To assist in Default Prevention, St. Philip's College has acquired the services of Texas Guaranteed of Austin, Texas which works with former students who have fallen behind on loan payments, informing them of options for preventing default.














In an effort to reduce default rates, St. Philip's College partnered with USA Funds to offer a [Financial Literacy Program](#). All incoming students are instructed in key elements of financial literacy, via a game show format, as part of the mandatory New Student Orientation. In addition, all new and currently enrolled St. Philip's College students are encouraged to attend our Financial Literacy Workshops.

No other issues exist with Title IV programs for the institution. Alamo Community College District is not on the reimbursement method for funding, has not been required to obtain a letter of credit in favor of the U.S. Department of Education, and has not been informed of any unresolved complaints from the U.S. Department of Education. No significant impending litigation exists with respect to financial aid activities, and no adverse communication has been received from the U.S. Department of Education.

Summary

St. Philip's College, as evidenced above, is in compliance with its program responsibilities under Title IV of the most recent *Higher Education Act* as amended.

Supporting Documents:

-  [CAFR1112 - SPC](#)
-  [CAFR1213 - SPC](#)
-  [CAFR1214](#)
-  [Default Rates from NSLDS 102214](#)
-  [DOE Letter Program Review Response 102912](#)
-  [DoE Program Review Question](#)
-  [FSA Approval Letter 031214](#)
-  [FSA Eligibility & Certification Approval Report 011614](#)
-  [FSA PPA Expires 123116](#)
-  [FSA PPA Transmittal Letter 021214](#)
-  [FSA Program Review Report 072512](#)
-  [Response to DOE Program Review 083012](#)
-  [US DOE Title IV HEA Letter](#)