

**The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) has reaffirmed Elizabeth City State University's (ECSU) accreditation until 2031. This means ECSU meets the Commission's standards and core values that include integrity, peer review / self-regulation, student learning, continuous quality improvement, accountability, and transparency.**

"The Commission's reaffirmation is a statement of ECSU's continuing commitment to academic excellence, transparency, and integrity," said ECSU Chancellor Karrie G. Dixon. "Meeting SACSCOC's standards signifies we offer quality resources, services and academic programs to our students. The high standards and community culture on our campus make that possible."

SACSCOC oversees the accreditation of higher education institutions in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Latin America and certain other international sites approved by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees that award associate, baccalaureate, master's, or doctoral degrees. Its mission is to "...assure the educational quality and improve the effectiveness of its member institutions."

"I'd like to thank Provost Farrah Ward, Director of SACSCOC Reaffirmation Dr Kersha-Aerga, and all the ECSU faculty and staff who served on committees during the reaffirmation process. It was truly a team effort," said Chancellor Dixon.

Universities accredited by the SACSCOC must comply with its standards in order to receive state and federal funding. This designation also provides the confidence necessary for

private-sector support.

### Chancellor Dixon Also Elected to Commission's Board of Trustees

As part of today's annual SACSCOC meeting, Chancellor Dixon was elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Trustees. The chancellor will study, revise, and develop policies and standards associated with new learning technologies and partnerships, as well as new federal mandates, on behalf of SACSOC member institutions.

"I look forward to working with my colleagues to further the quality, access, and the effectiveness of all our institutions, especially in the areas of student achievement and completion," said Chancellor Dixon. "As we develop and review the measures overseeing our institutions, we will also protect institutional autonomy as each campus understands how to best serve its students."