Abstracted Summary of Final Actions: July 2018

Pursuant to §602.26 of Title 34 of U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, this report abstracts substantive changes only from all final actions taken recently by The Commission on Accrediting of The Association of Theological Schools (COAATS). Canadian schools are not included in this report. References correspond to the compendium of accrediting documents. Information on individual schools can be found by accessing our member school list.

At its semiannual meeting June 4-5, 2018, in Pittsburgh, PA, the Board of Commissioners of COAATS voted on the below actions with an effective date of July 15, 2018, unless otherwise noted.

ACTIONS RELATED TO NEW (OR REVISED) DEGREES

Campbell University Divinity School - Buies Creek, NC
To deny approval to offer the MA in Faith and Leadership Formation (Standard B) degree program.
[Action taken June 5, 2018.]

ACTIONS RELATED TO THE IMPOSITION OF NOTATION

A notation is a warning, i.e., negative action, to denote that a school partially meets a given Standard, which it must fully meet within two years or face withdrawal of accreditation, i.e., adverse action (see Policies and Procedures, VII.E).

Christian Theological Seminary - Indianapolis, IN
To take action regarding the following area(s) where the institution insufficiently meets one or more standards, and to impose the following notation(s) for a period of 24 months, with a report due by April 1, 2020, adequately documenting how the school has addressed the notation(s):

N9.c, “The institution has not demonstrated the extent to which its students have met the learning outcomes appropriate for each degree program it offers or that its assessment efforts have led to improvement and there is no evidence of a credible plan or its implementation to address this issue in a timely and effective manner.”

Memphis Theological Seminary - Memphis, TN
To take action regarding the following area(s) where the institution insufficiently meets one or more standards, and to impose the following notation(s) for a period of 24 months, with a report due by April 1, 2020, adequately documenting how the school has addressed the notation(s):

N8.b, “The institution’s financial resources are not adequate for long-term institutional vitality and there is no credible plan to address this issue in a timely and effective manner.”
[NOTE: The above is in addition to one notation previously imposed by the Board, viz. N9.c—effective March 15, 2017, for a period of 24 months, with a report due November 1, 2018.]

New York Theological Seminary - New York, NY
To take action regarding the following area(s) where the institution insufficiently meets one or more standards, and to impose the following notation(s) for a period of 24 months, with a report due by April 1, 2020, adequately documenting how the school has addressed the notation(s):

N8.b, “The institution’s financial resources are not adequate for long-term institutional vitality and there is no credible plan to address this issue in a timely and effective manner.”

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