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PUBLIC STATEMENT ON PINE MANOR COLLEGE

At its meeting on November 17 and 18, 2011, the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) acted to place Pine Manor College on probation. Probation is a public status; the information provided below is in accord with the Commission's policy on release of information.

This action was taken following review of a progress report on finances and enrollment that was considered by the Commission at its meeting in June, 2011. At that time, the Commission acted to ask the institution to "show cause" why its accreditation should not be terminated. Through the show cause process at the November 2011 meeting, the Commission found that, as a result of progress and plans made since the June meeting, the institution had shown cause to retain its accreditation. However, Pine Manor College was placed on probation because it does not currently meet the Commission's standards on Financial Resources and Students, two of eleven *Standards for Accreditation*. In placing Pine Manor College on probation, the Commission has determined that its failure to meet two of the Commission's standards represents a condition that can be remedied by the institution within two years.

Pine Manor College remains accredited during the period of probation.

Institutions on probation are subject to close monitoring by the Commission. Pine Manor College will submit special reports to the Commission in May 2012 and October 2012 addressing Commission's concerns and will undergo a comprehensive evaluation in Spring 2013, to be considered by the Commission at its November 2013 meeting.

Probation may be appealed through a process established by the NEASC Trustees. Consistent with federal regulations, the period of probation is limited to two years, unless extended by the Commission for good cause.

The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (CIHE), a constituent element of NEASC, accredits 242 degree-granting institutions in the six New England states; it is recognized by the United States Department of Education. CIHE is one seven regional higher education accrediting commissions.

This statement has been reviewed and approved by the institution.

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