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PUBLIC STATEMENT ON BURLINGTON COLLEGE

At its meeting on April 21, 2016, the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) took an action to withdraw the accreditation of Burlington College. On May 20, 2016, the College informed the Commission of its intention to appeal the Commission's decision to withdraw accreditation. On July 6, 2016, the College terminated its appeal. Therefore, the Commission's decision to withdraw the accreditation of Burlington College is final. The withdrawal will be effective on December 31, 2016. The College remains accredited until that date to support students who are near completion of their degrees.

Burlington College, an independent college located in Burlington, Vermont, had been on probation since June 20, 2014 for failure to meet the Commission's Standard on *Financial Resources*. The action to withdraw the College's accreditation was taken following review of a focused evaluation to assess the institution's progress to bring itself into compliance with the Standard on *Financial Resources* during the probation period. The Commission determined that, despite some improvement in the institution's financial condition, Burlington College did not meet the standard and, therefore, the Commission voted to withdraw the College's accreditation.

In the letter announcing the decision to terminate its appeal, Burlington College noted that it "remains committed to implementing, through established agreements with various partners, its closing and teach-out plan to address the needs of the Burlington College student body through the end of the year."

The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (CIHE), a constituent element of NEASC, accredits 228 degree-granting institutions in the six New England states and nine institutions overseas; it is recognized by the United States Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). CIHE is one of seven regional higher education accrediting commissions.

Questions about the accreditation status of Burlington College should be directed to Barbara Brittingham, President of the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education.

This statement has been reviewed and approved by the institution.

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