Recommendation Page

1. **Agency:** Transnational Association Of Christian Colleges and Schools (1991 / 2016)
   (The dates provided are the date of initial listing as a recognized agency and the date of the agency’s last grant of recognition.)

2. **Action Item:** Petition for Continued Recognition

3. **Current Scope of Recognition:** The accreditation and preaccreditation (“Candidate” status) of Christian postsecondary institutions in the United States that offer certificates, diplomas, and associate, baccalaureate, and graduate degrees, including institutions that offer distance education.

4. **Requested Scope of Recognition:** The agency is not requesting any change in its current scope of recognition.

5. **Date of Advisory Committee Meeting:** 06/23/2016

6. **Staff Recommendation:** Continue the agency's recognition as a nationally recognized accrediting agency at this time, and require the agency to come into compliance within 12 months with the criteria listed below, and submit a compliance report due 30 days thereafter that demonstrates the agency's compliance.

7. **Issues or Problems:** It does not appear that the agency meets the following sections of the Secretary’s Criteria for Recognition. These issues are summarized below and discussed in detail under the Summary of Findings section.

   - The agency is requested to provide evidence that it has updated all applicable printed materials, including its on-site review documents, to reflect its current definition of distance education. It is also requested to document that its on-site review team pool members have received training on the implementation of its revised definition of distance education.
   
   (§602.15(a)(2))

Executive Summary

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGENCY

The Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) is an institutional accreditor. Its current scope of recognition is the accreditation and pre-accreditation (“Candidate” status) of Christian postsecondary institutions that offer certificates, diplomas, and associate, baccalaureate, and graduate degrees, including institutions that offer distance education. TRACS accredits or pre-accredits 54 institutions in 22 states. TRACS accredits or pre-accredits 67 institutions in 22 states and 5 foreign countries. TRACS' accreditation provides a link to Title IV funding for 43 of its institutions and a link to Title III funding for four of its Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) institutions.

According to the Accreditation Group's records, the Department has not received any complaints about the agency during the current recognition cycle.

Recognition History

TRACS received initial recognition in July 1991 and has maintained continued recognition since that time. The agency's last petition for continued recognition was reviewed at the Spring 2011 NACIQI meeting. At that time, the Committee considered the agency's petition for renewed recognition, continued the agency's current grant of recognition, and requested that the agency submit a compliance report on several issues identified in the staff report. That compliance report was reviewed and accepted by the NACIQI at its Fall 2013 meeting. The agency's current submission is its next regularly scheduled petition for continued recognition.

PART II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

602.15 Administrative and fiscal responsibilities

(2) Competent and knowledgeable individuals, qualified by education and experience in their own right and trained by the agency on their responsibilities, as appropriate for their roles, regarding the agency's standards, policies, and procedures, to conduct its on-site evaluations, apply or establish its policies, and make its accrediting and preaccrediting decisions, including, if applicable to the agency's scope, their responsibilities regarding distance education and correspondence education;
The Department did not receive any written third-party comments regarding this agency.

PART III: THIRD PARTY COMMENTS

The Department did not receive any written third-party comments regarding this agency.