DILLARD ACHIEVES ‘FULLY COMPLIANT’ STATUS
Regional accrediting body’s decision marks end to 6-month campaign

(NEW ORLEANS, December 5, 2007) – Dillard University is one step closer to its bright future now that The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has categorized the historically Black university as “fully compliant” with all principles of accreditation.

“Although we inherited an unfortunate set of circumstances,” said Dr. Marvalene Hughes, university president, “Dillard and its administration immediately assumed responsibility and worked hand-in-hand with the Commission to set the record straight.”

The commission has recently reinstated Dillard into “fully compliant” status, marking the end of a six-month campaign that began on June 21, 2007, when the Commission placed Dillard on “warning” – the association’s most minimal sanction – for omissions between the period of 2000 and June 2005.

Although Dillard maintained its accreditation and eligibility for federal and state financial aid/grants throughout the process, becoming compliant was the university’s top priority.

Dillard, a Historically Black College and University (HBCU), has been a cornerstone of educational excellence and a critical part of the New Orleans community since 1869. Dillard offers a quality, four-year, comprehensive undergraduate program to students that represent 29 states and several foreign countries.

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