

## *Editorial*

### **Accreditation is Inherently Corrupt and a Waste of Resources**

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#### **Louisiana College Paid Ex-Official \$33,000 to Stay Silent on Accusations**

Louisiana College paid a former official more than \$33,000 as part of a severance agreement after he threatened to go public with accusations against the Southern Baptist-affiliated college's president, [reports](#) *The Town Talk*, in Alexandria, La.

Joseph Cole, a former special assistant to the college's president, Joe Aguillard, said another college official had directed him to forge administrators' signatures on documents. He also accused Mr. Aguillard of falsely creating minutes of a meeting for a report to the college's accreditor, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Colleges.

The newspaper obtained documents stating that Mr. Cole had received \$25,000 in severance pay and an additional \$8,348.54 in unpaid overtime as part of a settlement in which he agreed to keep his knowledge of the college's activities confidential.

The documents came to light days after the college said its accreditor had ["fully exonerated"](#) Mr. Aguillard of allegations of wrongdoing.

Mr. Aguillard and the chairman of the college's Board of Trustees released a statement to the newspaper saying that the information concerned "a matter from the past that has been addressed years ago." They said the college was moving forward "to continue to fulfill the mission God has called us to carry out."

#### **Usmnews.net comment**

We had no idea of the corruption involved in the accreditation process until we, quite by accident, stumbled upon it. What we discovered was not an isolated act of corruption but systematic misconduct by faculty, administrators, and officials of the accrediting agency.

I refused to be silent, when I settled litigation with the University of Southern Mississippi. The result, I name names in the studies referenced below. The miscreants should not be allowed to hide behind confidentiality agreements.

See, *Ethics, Power, and Academic Corruption. Testing Social Reality. Parts 1 and 2, AACSB Affirms Plagiarizing Other Members' Documents* [Kindle Edition]

Also see, "Virginia Tech Danger" for more details.