



TO: CEOs of SACSCOC Institutions

FROM: Belle S. Wheelan, President

DATE: July 6, 2022

SUBJECT: Information from June SACSCOC Board Meeting

Greetings! I hope this email finds you enjoying a little down time before getting ready for the next academic year. We have several new presidents and to you I say, WELCOME! We look forward to working with each of you and meeting you in person during the SACSCOC Annual Meeting in December here in Atlanta.

The actions from the June meeting are posted on our website. I remind you that if your institution has a Monitoring Report, that is listed among the actions as well.

PRINCIPLES REVIEW COMMITTEE

The mid-cycle review of the *Principles of Accreditation* is being conducted. You will receive an email this fall with suggested changes and/or additions to the *Principles* for your input. Please be on the lookout for the email in early fall. A final draft of the changes and/or additions will be presented to the SACSCOC Board in June 2023 and the membership will be asked to vote on them at the SACSCOC Annual Meeting in December 2023.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR NEW VPs

In mid-August, we will be advertising for two new Vice Presidents. Dr. Mike Hoefler and Dr. Larry Earvin will be retiring in February and June, respectively. We will send you the announcement as well as post it on our website. If you know of anyone who might be interested in working with the Commission in this capacity, please share the announcement with them when you receive it.

BUDGET

SACSCOC once again had a clean audit and we are in line with spending for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2022. Our Investment account took a hit as did those of our institutions. The SACSCOC Board approved the 2023 fiscal year budget which included expenditures to refurbish the building (new doors and windows, elevator, etc.), an increase in medical costs, as well as a salary increase for staff.

POLICIES

Below you will find changes to policies, a position statement, and guidelines, and two new forms, that were approved by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees. Many of the changes were made to ensure we are in compliance with new federal regulations, others were to standardize the use of SACSCOC instead of the Commission.

Revised Policies

[Accreditation Procedures for Applicant Institutions](#)

[Accreditation Records Retention, Maintenance, and Destruction Policy for SACSCOC](#)

[The Fifth-Year Interim Review Process](#)

[The Quality Enhancement Plan](#)

[Reaffirmation of Accreditation and Subsequent Reports](#)

[Reports Submitted for SACSCOC Review](#)

[Requests for a Period of Noncompliance](#) *(New Policy)*

[Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership](#)

[Standing Rules: SACSCOC Board of Trustees, Executive Council, and the College Delegate Assembly](#)

[Substantive Change Policy and Procedures](#)

[Title IV Program Responsibilities](#) *(New Policy)*

[Unsolicited Information](#)

Revised Position Statement

[Transfer of Academic Credit](#)

Revised Guideline

[Logistics of Committee Visits](#)

New Forms

[Request for a Period of Noncompliance](#)

[Request to Rescind Previously Approved SACSCOC Board Action](#)

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE SUBMISSIONS

Please remember that all substantive change requests are to be sent directly to Dr. Kevin Sightler, Director of Substantive Change, instead of to the President. Additionally, several changes to the Substantive Change Policy went into effect last year. If you don't regularly submit substantive change requests, please be sure you refer to the revised policy **before** you send in a request.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SACSCOC's recognition with the U.S. Department of Education is up for review in July. We have submitted the required documents and they have been reviewed by the Department staff. The National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) is now reviewing them in preparation for our meeting tentatively scheduled for July 19th.

As I end year seventeen (17) as President of SACSCOC, I want to thank each and every one of you for your continued support and confidence in what we do. I do believe the peer review process makes all of our institutions stronger and I look forward to another year of working with you all.

Enjoy your summer and best wishes for a productive academic year.

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