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SACSCOC Reaffirmation Onsite Committee Visit

March 27-30, 2023

WHO IS SACSCOC?

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission of Colleges (SACSCOC) is one of the seven regional accreditation agencies recognized by the U.S. Dept. of Education (USDE) to accredit colleges and universities at the institutional level. SACSCOC is responsible for accrediting institutions in 11 southern states (including Virginia) and Latin America.

Accreditation by SACSCOC demonstrates the institution’s continuing commitment to quality and integrity as well as a capacity to provide effective educational programming and services based on agreed-upon accreditation standards.

The QEP

A Quality Enhancement Plan, or QEP, is a comprehensive, 5-year action plan that targets an issue identified by an institution as important to increasing student learning and/or success. In spring 2021, Radford University sent out a call to faculty and staff for proposals to identify its next QEP. After months of deliberation, the QEP Topic Identification Committee chose the topic of “Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion” as the next QEP. Beginning in fall 2021, the QEP Development Committee, made up of faculty, staff, and students, will begin work developing and finalizing the QEP proposal that will be submitted to SACSCOC. The proposal will be reviewed during the onsite visit in March 2023. If approved, the new QEP implementation should begin in August 2023.

What is Reaffirmation?

All institutions accredited by SACSCOC are required to undergo a review for reaffirmation of accreditation every ten years. During the review, institutions must demonstrate compliance with all standards contained in The Principles of Accreditation by submitting a self-study report. Preparations usually take a couple of years to complete and culminate in both offsite and onsite reviews by peer evaluators.
The Importance of Assessment

Each year the SACSCOC research office publishes a list of the most cited standards made by reviewers. The list below shows the top 6 areas of most concern found with institutions being reviewed by onsite evaluators during 2019-2020 academic year.

**Onsite Review**
- QEP (including plan to assess the QEP) 45%
- Academic Program Assessment 32%
- General Education Assessment 30%
- Faculty Qualifications 22%
- Student & Acad. Support Assessment 17%
- Administrative Assessment 13%

Each year assessment standards are consistently the most cited areas of concern by onsite reviewers.

Who to Contact

For questions about SACSCOC or reaffirmation contact Sandra Baker, the SACSCOC Liaison, in the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Quality Improvement

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More Information

You can find more information about the reaffirmation process on the SACSCOC website

https://sacscoc.org/accrediting-standards/reaffirmation-process/

Reaffirmation Timeline

- **December 2020**
  Orientation for Radford University’s Reaffirmation Leadership Team

- **September 2022**
  Compliance Certification Report Due

- **November 2022**
  SACSCOC Offsite Review

- **February 2023**
  QEP Proposal and Focused Report Due

- **March 27-30, 2023**
  SACSCOC Onsite Review

- **December 2023**
  Review by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees