SUCCESSFULLY MAINTAINING REGIONAL ACCREDITATION: IDEAS FOR OVERCOMING CHALLENGES
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BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SACSCOC LIAISON

SACSCOC Liaisons oversee several key functions including:

- Ongoing Responsibilities
- Substantive Change
- Compliance Reporting
- Quality Enhancement Plan
ONGOING RESPONSIBILITIES

by Beth Wuest
Serving as a contact person for Commission staff.

SACSCOC – The Accreditation Liaison

Only the CEO and the Liaison communicate with SACSCOC staff.
Familiarizing faculty, staff, and students with the Commission's accrediting policies and procedures, and with particular sections of the accrediting standards and Commission policies that have application to certain aspects of the campus (e.g., library, continuing education) especially when such documents are adopted or revised.

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The Liaison must convey the intent of accreditation policies and standards to those most closely impacted by the policies and standards.
Ensuring that compliance with accreditation requirements is incorporated into the planning and evaluation process of the institution

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The Liaison must help to ensure that planning and evaluation processes will comply with accreditation standards.
Coordinating the preparation of the annual profiles and any other reports requested by the Commission.

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Each year, the Liaison submits the Institutional Profile and the Financial Profile.
Ensuring that electronic institutional data collected by the Commission is accurate and timely.

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The Liaison verifies data about the institution that is published or retained by SACSCOC and recommends updates as needed.
“Maintaining a file of all accreditation materials, such as, reports related to the decennial review; accreditation committee reports; accreditation manuals, standards, and policies; schedules of all visits; and correspondence from accrediting offices.

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The Liaison retains and can access copies of any SACSCOC submissions or related materials.
SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE
by Karen Mongo
Notifying the Commission in advance of substantive changes and program developments in accord with the substantive change policies of the Commission.
WHAT TO REPORT

• What to report, when and how
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COMPLIANCE REPORTING

by Patricia Alvey
Serving as a resource person during the decennial review process and helping prepare for and coordinating reaffirmation and other accrediting visits.

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The Liaison provides leadership and oversight for all accreditation reviews.
WHAT TO

• Proving information to campus, developing narratives, producing compliance report, submitting reports, managing focus reports, arranging for on-site visit

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• Overview, responsibilities, follow-up
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ESSENTIAL RESOURCES

• SACSCOC website
• Principles of Accreditation
• Resource Manual
• Handbook for Institutions Seeking Reaffirmation
• SACSCOC Vice Presidents

• Fellow SACSCOC Liaisons
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS