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The FIFTH-YEAR INTERIM REPORT

Policy Statement

SACSCOC member institutions are required to submit a Fifth-Year Interim Report as a part of their Reaffirmation cycle. This report addresses selected standards of the *Principles of Accreditation*, as well as the impact of the institution's most recent Quality Enhancement Plan or documenting ongoing quality enhancement initiatives. The Fifth-Year Interim Report is due approximately four years prior to the institution's next reaffirmation of accreditation, allowing the institution to demonstrate ongoing compliance with the selected standards following the mid-point of its reaffirmation cycle. Institutions which have implemented off-campus instructional sites since their last reaffirmation may also be asked to host a Substantive Change Committee's visit to a representative sample of those new sites as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report process. If an institution is on Sanction at the time of its scheduled Fifth-year Interim review, the President of SACSCOC may act to defer the submission of the institution's Fifth-Year Interim Report pending resolution of the institution's probationary status.

Procedures

Current report forms and important documents related to the Fifth-Year Interim Report process may be found on the SACSCOC website as part of the Institutional Resources tab (<http://www.sacscoc.org/FifthYear.asp>). Fifth-Year Interim Reports are reviewed by a Fifth-Year Interim Committee during the June and December meetings of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees. Should the Committee determine that an institution had failed to demonstrate compliance with one or more of the selected standards, the Committee will refer the institution for review by the SACSCOC Board. That Referral Report will be reviewed by one of the Committees on Compliance and Reports at its meetings in June or December. Should that Committee determine that the institution had failed to demonstrate compliance with one or more of the referred standards, the institution would be required to submit a Monitoring Report, which would begin the institution's two-year monitoring period. (See SACSCOC Policy "Reaffirmation of Accreditation and Subsequent Reports.")

The Fifth-Year Interim Committee will also review the institution's report on the impact of its most recent Quality Enhancement Plan or documentation of the impact of ongoing quality enhancement initiatives. The Committee will determine whether the institution's Impact Report is acceptable or unacceptable. Should the Committee determine that the Impact Report was unacceptable, the institution will be referred to the SACSCOC Board of Trustees, and the Board will review a revised Impact Report.

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