

Patricia L. Donat, PhD

Patricia Donat serves as vice president for the Southern Association of College and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

Prior to her service as SACSCOC vice president, she served as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs for the University of North Georgia (UNG). During her tenure at UNG, the institution expanded its academic programs and its discipline-specific program accreditations, secured approval for a level change to doctoral granting status, received Carnegie Elective Classification for Community Engagement, and consolidated two state institutions within the University System of Georgia to become a regional multi-campus institution of approximately 16, 000 students. Prior to her service as chief academic officer, Donat served as associate vice president for academic affairs (AVPAA) at North Georgia College & State University and as AVPAA, acting dean for arts and sciences, and interim division head for education and human sciences at Mississippi University for Women.

Dr. Donat's professional service included the presidency of the Southeastern Psychological Association and her service as a member of the SACSCOC board of trustees. Prior to her service on the SACSCOC board of trustees, she served on numerous on-site and off-site committees, and was a member of the committee that revised the 2012 edition of the Commission's *Resource Manual for the Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement*. Her community engagement included her service as president of the Dahlonega Rotary Club.