

REPRESENTATION TO OTHER AGENCIES

Delgado Community College is responsible for representing accurately to the public its status and relationship with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC); reporting accurately to the public its status with the state or federal government if receiving funding from either or both; maintaining openness in all accreditation-related activities; ensuring the availability of institutional policies to students and the public; and publishing appropriate information with respect to student achievement. SACSCOC requires candidate and member institutions holding accredited or candidacy (pre-accredited) status from more than one U.S. Department of Education (USDOE)-recognized institutional accrediting agency to keep each agency apprised of any change in its status with one or another agency. Any institution seeking or holding accreditation from more than one USDE-recognized institutional accrediting agency must represent itself accurately to each agency regarding purpose, governance, programs, degrees, diplomas, certificates, personnel, finances, and constituents, and must keep each USDOE-recognized accrediting body, including SACSCOC, apprised of any change in its status with one or another accrediting agency.

The College's policy on <u>Substantive Change Notification Procedures</u> identifies a process for notifying the Commission regarding substantive Institutional Changes, which would include any negative actions by professional programmatic accrediting bodies. In addition to notification to the Commission, the policy requires notification to all agencies if any negative actions or public sanctions are placed on the College or any one of its accredited programs.

To ensure that the College accurately represents itself regarding its relationship with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), the following guidelines have been established:

- Instructional programs holding accredited status with a USDOE-recognized institutional accrediting agency must contact the College's SACSCOC Accreditation Liaison when preparing their programmatic accreditation application or reaffirmation of accreditation self-study reports.
- 2) The College's SACSCOC Accreditation Liaison will provide a standard statement regarding the characteristics of the College and its status with SACSCOC.
- 3) As documented on the <u>Programmatic Accreditation Submission Approval Form (Form 1510/005)</u>, prior to submission of the programmatic accreditation self-study report, the College's SACSCOC Accreditation Liaison will review the statement and the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs will approve the report for submission.

Form Attachment:

Programmatic Accreditation Submission Approval Form (Form 1510/005)

Policy Reference:

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges Substantive Change Procedures

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges, Resource Manual, Section 1: Transparency and Institutional Representation

Delgado Academic Procedures: Substantive Change Notification Procedures

Policy Review/Approval:

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