I. PURPOSE & INTENT

Comprehensive Standard 3.13.1 of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) requires that if an institution holds accreditation from more than one (1) accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education it must describe itself identically to each of these accrediting bodies with regard to purpose, governance, programs, degrees, diplomas, certificates, personnel, finances, and constituencies. Furthermore, the institution must keep each institutional accrediting body apprised of any change in its status with one or another accrediting body. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the descriptions of the University of South Florida (USF) System institutions that are included in any report to an accrediting body are consistent and accurate.

II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

Statements describing USF System institutions to specialized or discipline-specific accreditors must meet the requirements of SACSCOC Comprehensive Standard 3.13.1. All reports to the U.S. Department of Education accrediting bodies shall be prepared in consultation with the SACSCOC Liaison at each USF System institution. These officers ensure notification to SACSCOC of any changes concerning the accreditation decisions of the federally recognized accrediting agencies.

USF System institutions represent themselves in identical terms to each federally recognized accrediting agency that accredits programs on their campuses. The accrediting decisions are
monitored institutionally and there is an established process to inform SACSCOC of any changes in accreditation status of any university program.

*Current Responsible Office: Academic Affairs

*Refer to the appropriate Responsible Office website for a current name of the Vice President or other Responsible Officer.

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