I. **PURPOSE & INTENT**

Principle 14.4 (Representation to Other Agencies) of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and the SACSCOC Policy Statement on Accrediting Decisions of Other Agencies 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 description of the University of South Florida institution that is included in any report to an accrediting body is consistent and accurate.

II. **STATEMENT OF POLICY**

Statements describing USF to specialized or discipline-specific accreditors must meet the requirements of SACSCOC Principle 14.4 and the Policy Statement on Accrediting Decisions of Other Agencies. All reports to the U.S. Department of Education accrediting bodies shall be prepared in consultation with the SACSCOC Liaison at each USF Campus. These officers ensure notification to SACSCOC of any changes concerning the accreditation decisions of the federally recognized accrediting agencies.

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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