USF Proposed Policy

Policy Number: 10-064
Policy Title: Accreditation Reporting
Responsible Office: Academic Affairs

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 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 (USF) included in any report to an accrediting body by all units at USF is consistent and accurate.

II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

Statements describing USF 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 USF Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Academic Planning and Review.
The Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Academic Planning and Review ensures notification to SACSCOC of any changes concerning the accreditation decisions of the federally recognized accrediting agencies.

USF represents itself in identical terms to each federally recognized accrediting agency that accredits programs on its campus. 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.

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