

2012 Interest Survey

Below is the email sent by two Virginia colleagues in 2012 to gauge interest in holding a symposium to talk about regional accreditation. This one day symposium was continued the next year and became the Virginia Regional Accreditation Symposium which is now held annually.

Dear SACS Colleague:

This fall, the University of Virginia (U.Va.) and Longwood University (LU) propose to co-sponsor a one-day symposium, attended by representatives of Virginia public institutions of higher education, on issues related to regional accreditation. The purposes of the symposium, to be held in Charlottesville, are to (1) build relationships among faculty and staff responsible for compliance with SACS policies and principles, (2) serve as a forum for discussion about the most salient accreditation-related issues, (3) discuss and share the experiences of institutions that have recently completed the Fifth-Year Interim Report or decennial reaffirmation processes, and (4) discuss the questions of institutions preparing for the Fifth-Year Interim Report or decennial reaffirmation processes.

To gauge interest in such a symposium, we ask that each institution complete the survey at the link below. The survey will remain open through April 30, 2012. Please complete only one survey per institution. (For reference, an MS Word version of the survey is attached to this e-mail. However, please submit responses at the link below.)

www.surveymonkey.com/

In completing this survey, we ask that you consult individuals responsible for your institution's (1) compliance certification, (2) assessment activities, and (3) Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). To ensure optimal opportunities for discussion, we propose limiting symposium attendance to four individuals per institution. In addition, we encourage participants to use the symposium as a forum to discuss and collaborate on prospective proposals to future SACS annual meetings and institutes.

Sincerely,

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