

VISIBILITY & INTEGRATION

How a SACSCOC Advisory Council Can Benefit You

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SACSCOC Advisory Council - History

- 1) Initial issues with 2003 Reaffirmation
- 2) A year-long process to be in full compliance
- 3) Formed a working group in 2009
- 4) Resources were provided to the group
- 5) Successful 2013 Reaffirmation
- 6) Question by the Provost: “What could we do better?”

SACSCOC Advisory Council - Mission

- **Mission:** The James Madison University SACSCOC Advisory Council assists and supports the president and his senior leadership team by helping to ensure that the university:
 - stays current with SACSCOC issues and requirements.
 - adopts and maintains appropriate policies.
 - communicates clearly regarding SACSCOC-related issues/requirements.
 - receives feedback on SACSCOC-related issues from faculty, administrators, and staff.
- **Vision:** In part because of the work of the SACSCOC Advisory Council, JMU will stay current on SACSCOC-related issues. As a result, official reporting periods, such as fifth year reports and reaffirmations, will be well-understood and streamlined.

SACSCOC Advisory Council - Values

- **Communication (including Listening)** - because it is the currency of an effective learning community.
- **Engagement/Teamwork** - because they help build and maintain strong relationships for enhancing communication and understanding.
- **Interpersonal Effectiveness** - because building and maintaining interpersonal relationships will be a critical element for the success of the team and its communication.
- **Knowledge** - because it is the foundation for understanding SACSCOC-related issues and their impacts.
- **Optimism** - because it engenders trust in the accreditation process

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SACSCOC Advisory Council - Membership

Membership (19 members)

- Chair*
- AUH (3)*
- Dean (1)
- President's Office, Planning*
- Library
- CARS
- Finance Office (2)
- Student Affairs
- Office of Institutional Research

- Vice President for Access and Enrollment
- Vice President for Advancement
- Outreach and Engagement
- JMU – SACSCOC Working Group (4)**

*Presenting Today

**number does not include Chair and President's Office representative

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SACSCOC Advisory Council – Working Group

SACSCOC Liaison Office

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- SACSCOC Accreditation Liaison
- President's Office representative
- Assistant Director, Inst. Research
- Assistant Vice Provost for Acad. Policy & Curriculum Development
- Director of Assessment, COE
- Faculty Credential Coordinator (PT)
- Graduate Assistant (Master Level)



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SACSCOC Advisory Council – First Meeting

Timing	Meeting Element	Primary Lead	Intended Outcomes
9:00	Introductions	Brian	The members will understand the purpose of the Council and hear brief introductions from each member.
9:05	The Things You Need To Know Right Now	Tina and Herb	Council members will understand that SACSCOC and the reaffirmation process have undergone significant changes, will have a grasp of those changes, and therefore have the need for the Council reinforced. Members will also be given the chance to ask clarifying questions.
9:35	Where Are We	Kristi and Ann	Members will understand the process of creating the focus report and will be made aware of expectations in relation to the onsite visit. They will know where the current “problem areas” are. They will know what kinds of information they should be communicating to their colleagues leading up to April 2. Members will also be given the chance to ask clarifying questions.
10:05	The Short and Long-Term Role of the SACSCOC Advisory Council	Brian	Members will understand their specific roles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As members of the Council generally • As “representatives” of particular areas of focus • In terms of meeting schedules and attendance • As advisors to the reaffirmation process overall Members will also be given the chance to ask clarifying questions.
10:20	Q&A	All	
10:30	Adjournment		

SACSCOC Advisory Council - Subcommittees

- Faculty Qualifying and Credentialing
- Use of Assessment Results
- Assessment of Research Focus Group

SACSCOC Advisory Council - Logistics

- Hold at least one meeting/semester, more as needed
 - Agenda allows for approx. 90 minutes plus discussion/questions from Council
- Scheduling Polls
 - Doodle – if no date suits everyone we use majority
- SharePoint
 - Share notes/discussion from meetings
 - Working documents for Council
 - Fifth-Year Report collection library

SACSCOC Advisory Council- Agenda Items

- Accreditation
- Liaison Change
- SACSCOC Annual Meeting Updates
- SACSCOC Summer Institute Updates
- Revised Standards / New Standards
 - Resource Manual
 - Website
- Subcommittee Reports:
 - Update on the Fifth-year Report
 - Program Coordination (Plan of Action)
 - Adjunct Faculty Survey Results
 - Student Achievement: Benchmarks
- Student Complaint Logs
- VRAS Regional Accreditation Symposium
- Review of JMU Policies
- Graduate Assistants duties and responsibilities
- ACE Fellow
- CHEA meeting update
- PROSPER Act: Higher Education Act (HEA: 4508)
- Why Regional Accreditation
- Substantive Changes
- Open Questions

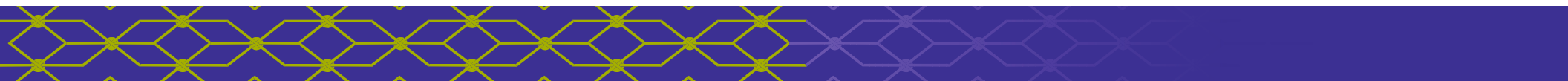
Think, Pair and Share Activity #1

- How might a SACSCOC Advisory Council benefit your specific institution?



Think, Pair and Share Activity #2

- Who would you want to meet with/talk with to start the process of establishing a SACSCOC Advisory Council at your institution?



Think, Pair and Share Activity #3

- Who, at your institution, would you want to have on a SACSCOC Advisory Council and why?

