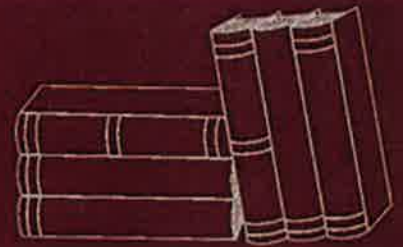


# PROGRAM

**VRAS**

Virginia Regional  
Accreditation Symposium



2018 Symposium

CHARLOTTESVILLE • VA  
November 6, 2018

**WELCOME** to the 2018 Virginia Regional Accreditation Symposium (VRAS). The VRAS is an active, purposeful network of higher education colleagues in Virginia that advances open discussion and dissemination of knowledge to support institutions to achieve and maintain SACSCOC accreditation. The VRAS serves the higher education community in Virginia by facilitating inter-institutional relationships and providing accurate information and reliable interpretation of SACSCOC policy.

Our Symposium continues its tradition of having a SACSCOC VP provide updates and address questions. This year we are pleased to have Dr. Larry Earvin, SACSCOC, Chief of Staff. Larry L. Earvin has served as Chief of Staff for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) since July 2017, after having joined the organization in 2015 as Vice President. In his current role, he serves as the chief executive officer in the absence of the President and assists and directs all staff, as necessary, to ensure the efficient and effective flow of work. Formerly, Earvin served as Huston-Tillotson University's fifth President and as Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Clark Atlanta University. Earvin concluded his 15-Year tenure as President at Huston-Tillotson in June 2015 after serving in a variety of posts at Clark Atlanta University over a span of 27 years.



Dr. Larry L. Earvin, SACSCOC, Chief of Staff

During his tenure at Huston-Tillotson, Earvin guided the University through successful 2002 and 2010 reaffirmations of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; led the development of the Masters of Education in Educational Leadership, the University's first graduate degree program; managed several campus renovation projects which included the Downs-Jones Library, the Anthony and Louise Viaer - Alumni Hall, Allen-Frazier and Beard-Burrowes residence halls, and the Mary E. Branch Gymnasium. Earvin's vision led to the construction of the Sandra Joy Anderson Health and Wellness Center, a collaborative venture Austin/Travis County Health Department and the University of Texas Medical School that addresses community healthcare needs. One of his most significant academic accomplishments was the creation of the William Edward DuBois Honors Program for gifted students.

His professional activities include several local and national appointments, including his election as Chair of the Board of Trustees of SACSCOC, the regional accrediting body for colleges and universities in 17 southern states. Earvin served as treasurer of the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC), the membership organization for more than 500 private higher education institutions in the United States. Earvin has also served on the boards of American Council on Education (ACE), National Association of Independent College and Universities (NAICU), Council of Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), and National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO). Earvin also served on an advisory board for the Educational Testing Service (ETS). After having served as chair of the United Negro

College Fund (UNCF), Earvin was elected an individual member of the organization, a post he still maintains.

Within The United Methodist Church, with which Huston-Tillotson University is affiliated, Earvin served as chair of the Commission on Black Colleges of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM), chair of the Council of Presidents, a board member of the Committee on Planning and Implementation of the National Association of Schools and Colleges (NASCUMC), and as a member of the University Senate, the oldest accrediting body in the United States. In Texas, his community service included serving as a board member of the Austin Chamber of Commerce, the Austin Convention and Business Bureau, the Austin Area Urban League, Austin Area Research Organization (AARO), the Long Center for Performing Arts, the Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas (ICUT), and United Way Capital Area. Earvin was also inducted into the Texas Philosophical Society in 2002.

Earvin is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions including Educator of the Year by the 100 Black Men of America and the James T. Rogers Leadership Award by SACSCOC.

**Thank you for joining us in Charlottesville this year  
and we look forward to seeing you in Richmond in 2019!**

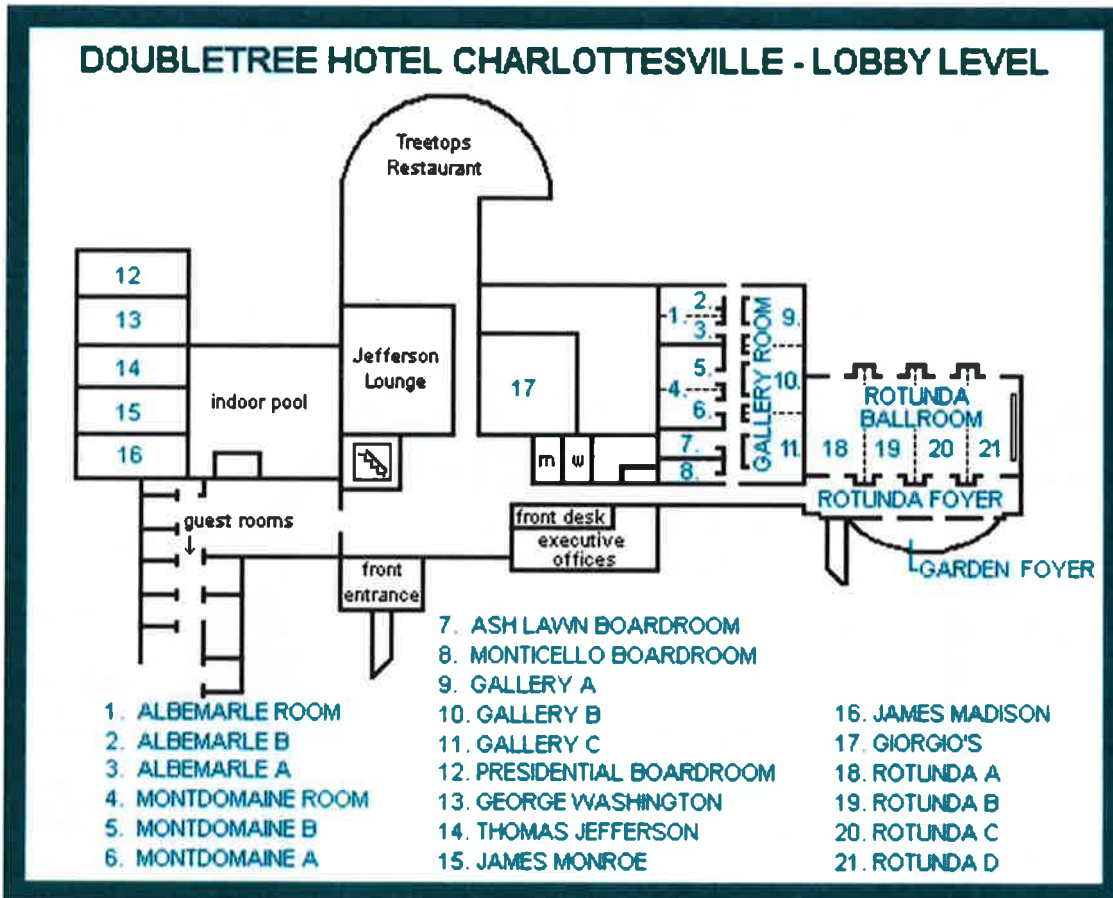
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# 2018 VRAS SYMPOSIUM

**NOVEMBER 6**

Panels and concurrent sessions are 50 minutes

## Schedule-At-A-Glance

<b>11:30-12:30</b>	Registration / Check-in Outside Rotunda C
<b>12:30-1:20</b>	Lunch Rotunda C
<b>1:30-2:20</b>	General Session Panel Rotunda A&B
<b>2:30-3:20</b>	Panel Topics – Two Sessions Rotunda A&B • Gallery Room
<b>3:30-4:00</b>	Networking with Snacks Rotunda C
<b>4:00-4:50</b>	Panel Topics – Two Sessions Rotunda A&B • Gallery Room
<b>5:00-6:00</b>	Q&A with Dr. Larry Earvin Rotunda A&B
<b>6:00-6:15</b>	Closing Comments Rotunda A&B
<b>6:15-6:45</b>	Business Meeting Rotunda A&B



# PROGAM

## 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Registration and Check-in  
Outside Rotunda C

## 12:30-1:20 PM

Welcome, Lunch, and Networking  
Rotunda C

Networking Tables	Facilitator (Name and School Affiliation)
5th-Year Interim Report	Tisha Paredes, Old Dominion University
Gainful Employment/Post-Graduate Outcomes	Lois Myers, University of Virginia
Strategies - Communicating New Standards to University Stakeholders	Cindy Grove Chiarello, James Madison University
QEP (Development and Impact Report)	Christopher Richardson, Union Presbyterian Seminary
Substantive Change	Jon Wallin, Southern Virginia University
Hosting an On-site SACSCOC Committee	Linda Birtley, Virginia Commonwealth University
Institutional Effectiveness	Nicole Munday, Germanna Community College
General Topics	No facilitator

## 1:30-2:20 PM

General Session I

Rotunda A&B

### **Before & After – Interpreting Changes in the 2018 Principles of Accreditation**

Are you wondering what changes you will face in your next Fifth-Year Interim Report or Compliance Certification? We will outline the changes and panelists will discuss approaches they used/are using to address the changes. We will focus especially on 4.2.g and 12.6 and suggest how to make a case for compliance by deconstructing these two new *Principles*.

**Facilitator:** Susan Bosworth, College of William and Mary

**Presenter 1:** Christopher A. Bean, Shenandoah University

**Presenter 2:** Kris Bush, Virginia Tech

**Presenter 3:** Nicole Monday, Germanna Community College

**Presenter 4:** Mathew Smith, Richard Bland College



## **2:30-3:20 PM**

### Concurrent Sessions I

Rotunda A&B

#### **Clearly Telling Your Story: How to Write a Strong Narrative**

This session will focus on providing institutions with tips on how to write a strong and clear narrative to demonstrate compliance. Facilitators will ask participants to review sample narratives based on SACSCOC guidelines. Then, in small groups, will reformat the narratives using the tips discussed in the session. Participants will gain a better understanding on how to clearly articulate compliance. Participants encouraged to bring sample narratives or examples will be provided.

**Facilitator:** Tisha Paredes, Old Dominion University

**Presenter 1:** Megan Corbett, Old Dominion University

**Presenter 2:** Jolene Hamm, Piedmont Community College

**Presenter 3:** Christine Ross, Hampton-Sydney College

Gallery Room

#### **Covering All the Bases in Distance Education**

Representatives from public and private institutions will discuss how their respective institutions will address SACSCOC requirements in demonstrating compliance to standards and policies. The importance of addressing academic and student support, student identity and privacy, and awarding credit will be among the topics discussed.

**Facilitator:** Marty Smith Sharpe, Old Dominion University (Retired)

**Presenter 1:** Kristen Bush, Virginia Tech

**Presenter 2:** Ghazala Hashmi, Reynolds Community College

**Presenter 3:** Bill Wheeler, Liberty University

## **3:30-4:00 PM**

Networking Break with Snacks

Rotunda C

## **4:00-4:50 PM**

### Concurrent Sessions II

Rotunda A&B

#### **SACSCOC and SCHEV: Why Both?**

This panel will focus on the alignment between SCHEV and SACSCOC requirements and “why” both are important to ensure a minimum standard in our Higher Educational system. The conversation will be reared around the following: Mission, Roles, Organization, Areas of Emphasis, and Required Submissions.

**Facilitator:** Herb Amato, James Madison University

**Presenter 1:** Jolene Hamm, Piedmont Virginia Community College

**Presenter 2:** Tia Minnis, Virginia State University

**Presenter 3:** Sheri Robertson, Northern Virginia Community College



Gallery Room

**Making a Case for Compliance with Assessment-Related Standards**

Many institutions have encountered challenges in making a case for compliance with the SACSCOC standards relating to academic and co-curricular outcomes assessment. From making a consistent case for learning outcomes assessment to defining and implementing co-curricular assessments, universities have found a need to organize and implement multiple systems in order to make a clear case for compliance. Panelists will focus the conversation around how their institutions were able to make a clear case for compliance for the 8.2.x standards as well as lessons learned and challenges anticipated for the future.

**Facilitator:** Timothy Fowler, Liberty University

**Presenter 1:** Jason Lyons, Christopher Newport University

**Presenter 2:** Lois Myers, University of Virginia

**Presenter 3:** Christine Ross, Hampton-Sydney College

**5:00-6:00 PM**

General Session II

Rotunda A&B

**Q&A with Dr. Larry Earvin, SACSCOC Chief of Staff**

Dr. Larry Earvin has served as Chief of Staff for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) since July 2017, after having joined the organization in 2015 as Vice President. During this session, Dr. Earvin will provide a short update from SACSCOC and then open the floor for questions.

**6:00-6:15 PM**

Closing Comment and Symposium Evaluation

Rotunda A&B

**6:15-6:45 PM**

Business Meeting (all welcome)

Rotunda A&B



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If you would like information about joining the 2019 Planning Board, email Tisha Paredes, 2019 Chair, at [tparedes@odu.edu](mailto:tparedes@odu.edu)

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To provide additional comments concerning the 2018 symposium, please go to the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/VRAS2018>

## See you next November in Richmond!

