
SACSCOC Reaffirmation: "Focused Reports" and Your Possible Help from 11/30-12/22

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Dear Deans, Chairs and Program Directors:

Following up on the SACSCOC Reaffirmation update below that was sent campus-wide back on 9/11, we wish to ask your preparation and potential assistance with "focused reports" that will be requested by the SACSCOC off-site committee that is currently reviewing our Compliance Certification report that we had submitted back on September 8, 2026. Here is where we stand and what we *may* need from you as specified and highlighted in yellow:

- We are scheduled to receive the report of the SACSCOC off-site committee on **November 20, 2026**.
- CofC will need to respond with specific "focused reports" for any issues/concerns raised by the same committee..
- Our "focused reports" will constitute **short narratives and evidence** for the issues/concerns raised for the core requirements/standards in question.
- In 2017, our last reaffirmation, we submitted 6 focused reports and accompanying evidence. Most focused reports are one (1) page in length.
- For this year's focused reports and evidence, we will have a tight window to complete this work: **between Monday, November 30 through Tuesday, December 22**.
- Between **11/30-12/22** we kindly ask you to be attentive and on "stand by" in case you are called upon to assist with completing the required focused reports and to assist with providing accompanying evidence.
- Maddox Johnston and Mark Del Mastro will finalize the reports and evidence so they may be submitted to SACSCOC before winter break, and well before the January 11, 2027 deadline.

In January 2027, we will schedule Zoom Briefings for stakeholders in preparation for the February 22-25, 2027 on-site committee visit. Those briefings will be scheduled soon.

Following the Zoom Briefings, and 2-4 weeks before our on-site committee visit in February, we will host our Outside Consultant for a mock visit to assist with our campus preparations.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. And thanks in advance for your attentiveness for this important process.

Sincerely,

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Colleagues:

This update is for our ongoing 2027 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) reaffirmation efforts.

This past summer on June 29-30, the College of Charleston hosted a required SACSCOC Staff Advisory visit for Dr. Lynne Crosby, Vice President of SACSCOC, to meet with senior leadership and other campus stakeholders regarding our reaffirmation. During her two-day visit to the College, Dr. Crosby provided valuable guidance and feedback for our work in preparation for the February 22-25, 2027 on-site Reaffirmation Committee visit.

And just this past Tuesday, September 8, we submitted our institution's Compliance Certification Report, which will be reviewed by the SACSCOC off-site committee on November 3-6. Following that review, Dr. Lynne Crosby will meet with CofC representatives to discuss the committee's preliminary findings and the College's preparations for the on-site review.

For an inventory of past campus-wide communications and regular updates on our SACSCOC reaffirmation activities and timelines, please visit and bookmark: <https://charleston.edu/accreditation/reaffirmation/>.

More updates will be forthcoming as we continue preparing for the February 22-25, 2027 on-site visit. In the meantime, if you have any questions or wish to learn more about any aspect of the process, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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