

2018 SACSCOC Leadership Team

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 21, 2017 2:30PM
Alpine Conference Room, AD 2.204B

I. Attendees:

Serenity King (Chair), B. Hobson Wildenthal, Inga Musselman, Nicole Leeper Piquero, Kim Laird, Jessica Murphy, Joanna Gentsch, Clint Peinhardt, Simon Kane, Josh Hammers, Marilyn Kaplan, Murray Leaf, Ben Porter, Michele Lockhart, Vy Trang

Absent: Ryan Dorman

II. Approval of December 14, 2016 meeting minutes

Murray Leaf moved to approve, Nicole Piquero seconded the motion. All in favor – minutes approved.

III. Announcements

Dr. Alan Boyette: Chair of the UT Dallas Site Visit Committee

Serenity announced that Dr. Alan Boyette, Vice-Provost at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, has agreed to serve as the chair of the on-site visit in March 2018. He is an experienced administrator and a seasoned SACSCOC evaluator. We are in the process of comparing the processes of the institutions he has reviewed and our own institution. For example, at his institution, the organizational reporting structure is quite different in regard to the reporting structure of administrators. At UT Dallas, administrators are listed in organizational charts as reporting to the President. At the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, the administrators are credentialed at a lower level. This may be something the team should consider.

SACSCOC Annual Meeting

The 2017 Annual Meeting will be held in Dallas, TX. The call for proposals has gone out.

ACTION ITEM: The members should notify Serenity if they are submitting proposals and if they are accepted.

Dr. Karen Huxtable has been asked to be a QEP lead evaluator for another institution. We currently do not provide evaluator training but this may be something we should consider.

Proposed Changes to SACSCOC Principles of Accreditation: Call for Comment

The first comment deadline has passed. The second call for comments is upcoming. The proposed changes do not affect the university's upcoming reaffirmation. The principles may decrease from ninety-six subset principles to eighty-three subset principles. Three new principles have been added. One of the new principles is the evaluation of the effectiveness of the board of regents and the fulfillment of their duties. The writing of this principle will need to be discussed. The principle on the evaluation of research centers and the assessment of community service have been removed. Clarity on the principles related to fast-track, program content and program length have not been revised.

Next Meeting

The next Leadership Team meeting will be in late April.

ACTION ITEM: Vy Trang will send a doodle poll to set up the meeting.

Texas Legislature: President Benson's Testimony

President Benson recently testified for a second time in front of the Texas Legislature. His testimony went well.

Texas Legislature: Bills

One of the proposed legislative bills may impact our campus. The bill would limit the number of non-tenure faculty be no more than twenty-five percent of the faculty population. Serenity has commented that some of the language used by SACSCOC regarding the number of full-time faculty should be incorporated into the bill to achieve the goals they would like to achieve with this bill. Serenity will keep the Leadership Team updated. There is one bill that Serenity is concerned with. Twenty-five percent non-tenure faculty. Serenity suggested the language from SACSCOC be used to address this issue.

CCR Update

Michele Lockhart reported that all drafts of the principles have been reviewed and the supporting documents are being gathered. Twenty-five percent are being updated with the supporting documents. Another twenty-five percent are still missing documentation. Serenity's office staff is working to find the missing documentation. Fifty percent of the drafts have been reviewed. The remaining drafts will be reviewed by the end of May 2017. The goal is to have ninety-nine percent of the drafts reviewed by the end of June 2017.

QEP Co-Director Announcement

Serenity announced that Amanda Smith, Dean of Students, has been named a co-director of the QEP alongside Jessica Murphy. She will be invited to future Leadership Team meetings.

IV. QEP

Jessica Murphy presented highlights of the draft of the QEP proposal that will be submitted to Dr. Benson.

ACTION ITEM: Members of the Leadership Team should review the draft and send comments/questions/concerns to Jessica Murphy.

A QEP Director (not Jessica Murphy or Amanda Smith) will oversee and manage the implementation of the QEP. A new Student Engagement Board will be created and will include many stakeholders.

The proposal does include some related ideas that were proposed during the previous QEP.

There will be faculty involvement in multiple steps in the QEP. There was a discussion on how faculty can be involved in student advising. The proposal includes information on how we can incorporate the student success quantum leap and how we can get the grant funding that is being offered. There was a discussion about the service learning activity requirement.

ACTION ITEM: Serenity will send Dr. David Cordell/Dr. Lawrence Redlinger's dual credit report to the members.

V. Meeting Adjournment