

**2028 SACSCOC Curriculum Design and Educational Policies and Practices Working
Group Meeting
June 3, 2026, 2 pm – 2:45 pm
Microsoft Teams**

Attendees: Chandramallika Basak, Michael Biewer, Mark Cooper, Lev Gelb, Mary Beth Goodrich, Raúl Hinojosa, Jr., Poonam Kumar, Ingrid London, William (Bill) Nichols, Melissa Ray, Melanie Spence, Joshua Summers, Mark Thouin, Vy Trang, Eric Van Leeuwen, Mary Jo Venetis, Shilyh Warren, Angela Franklin

Absent: Juan González, Jennifer McDowell

- **Working Group Orientation and Structure:** Dr. Raúl Hinojosa, Jr. provided an overview of the purpose and structure of the working group, introduced the tri-chairs (Eric Van Leeuwen, Dr. Bill Nichols, and Jennifer McDowell), and explained the roles of group members and support staff including Vy Trang and Dr. Mary Jo Venetis.
- **Overview of SACSCOC Reaffirmation Process and Timeline:** Dr. Hinojosa outlined the SACSCOC reaffirmation process, including the differentiated review, assigned Principles, key milestones, and the timeline for draft and final submissions, with input from Melissa Ray and others regarding flexibility and group involvement.
- **Resources and Documentation for Accreditation:** Dr. Hinojosa described the primary resources available for the group's work, including the SACSCOC Resource Manual, staff presentation handouts, a dedicated Box folder, and the University's SACSCOC website, with Vy Trang assisting in organizing and sharing relevant materials.
- **Assigned Principles and Anticipated Challenges:** Dr. Hinojosa and Dr. Venetis discussed the specific SACSCOC Principles assigned to the group, highlighting anticipated challenges such as fast track program compliance, general education requirements, and evolving approval processes.
- **Meeting Cadence and Next Steps:** The group, including Dr. Mark Cooper, Eric Van Leeuwen, and Mary Beth Goodrich, discussed preferences for meeting frequency, favoring an initial sprint of bi-weekly meetings, and Dr. Hinojosa outlined immediate next steps for members to prepare for upcoming work.
- **Access to Materials and Communication Channels:** Dr. Chandramallika Basak requested that presentation slides and Principle lists be posted in the group's Teams channel, and Raul agreed to share these materials in both the group chat and channel for easy access.

Follow-up tasks:

- **Sharing Meeting Materials:** Post the PowerPoint slides and the list of Principles for differentiated review in both the group chat and the designated Teams channel for the working group. (Dr. Hinojosa)
- **Meeting Scheduling Preferences:** Collect group members' availability preferences for meeting times, especially for summer, to assist with scheduling future meetings. (Vy Trang)