

2028 SACSCOC Faculty and Academic Administration Working Group Meeting
May 19, 2026, 11:00 – 11:45am
Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Sean Cotter, Angela Franklin, Lev Gelb, Raúl Hinojosa Jr., Alex Lazos, Muhammad McIntee-Masud, Vicky Morris- Dueer, Mehrdad Nourani, Stephen Spiro, Vy Trang, Eric Van Leeuwen, Mary Jo Venetis, Chris Wendt

Overview of SACSCOC Reaffirmation Working Group Structure: Dr. Raúl Hinojosa Jr. provided the Faculty and Academic Administration Working Group with an overview of their role in the 2028 SACSCOC reaffirmation process, outlining the group's charge, the responsibilities of co-chairs Dr. Mary Jo Venetis and Dr. Stephen Spiro, and the expectations for all members.

Key Resources and Guidance for Accreditation Process: Dr. Hinojosa and Dr. Venetis described the essential resources available to the group, including the Resource Manual for the 2024 Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement, SACSCOC 2025 Annual Meeting presentations, and the UT Dallas SACSCOC website, and clarified how to use these materials effectively.

Assigned Principles and Evidence Collection Approach: Dr. Hinojosa outlined the five SACSCOC Principles assigned to the group, including 5.4 Qualified Administration/Academic Officers, 6.1 Full-time Faculty, 6.2.a Faculty Qualifications, 6.2.b Program Faculty, and 6.2.c Program Coordination, and discussed the approach to evidence collection and documentation.

Project Timeline, Milestones, and Meeting Cadence: Dr. Hinojosa presented the timeline for the Compliance Certification Report, key milestones, and discussed options for the group's meeting cadence and workflow.

Changes Since Last Reaffirmation and Data Improvements: Dr. Hinojosa and Dr. Venetis discussed changes in the SACSCOC Principles since the last reaffirmation in 2018, focusing on data collection improvements and the need to update evidence for current faculty and programs.

Next Steps and Action Items: Dr. Hinojosa summarized the immediate next steps, including a meeting among the co-chairs to set the meeting cadence and action plan, and asked all members to review assigned Principles and Resource Manual entries before the next group meeting.

Follow-up tasks

Meeting Cadence and Initial Planning: Schedule a meeting between Drs. Hinojosa, Spiro, and Venetis to determine the working group meeting cadence and establish clear action items for the larger group. (Vy Trang)

Resource Sharing: Share the PowerPoint presentation with active links in the meeting chat for all group members to access. (Dr. Hinojosa)

Principles Review Preparation: Review the assigned Principles of Accreditation and corresponding Resource Manual entries prior to the next group meeting to ensure all members are familiar with requirements. (All)