

## SACS REAFFIRMATION OF ACCREDITATION

<b>SACS Reaffirmation of Accreditation Timeline December 2000 Through December 2011 Revised 7/01/07</b>	
<b>December 2000</b>	Re- affirmation of Accreditation and Follow-up Report.
<b>April 2001</b>	Follow-up Report on Recommendations.
<b>July 2001</b>	Commission Reviewed the Follow-up Report and no Additional Report was Requested.
<b>April 2002</b>	Copy of The Official Proceedings, Volume 54, Number 2 Listing SUSLA's Re-affirmation
<b>December 2002</b>	Team Attended SACS Meeting: San Antonio, Texas
<b>September 2003</b>	Institutional Profile Submission
<b>December 2003</b>	Team Attended SACS Annual Meeting: Nashville, Tennessee.
<b>January 2004*</b>	Postponement of Review of 2010 SUSLA Reaffirmation. Review Process to Commence in 2009. Re-affirmation to Occur in 2011. <b>Continued Academic Program Reviews Through SACS Paradigm Shift in Accreditation Principles*</b>
<b>October 2004</b>	Develop the Five Year Strategic Plan as Required by State Law and Management Board Directive. Emphasis on the Mission Critical Requirements related to Such Areas as: Access & Success, Academic Relevance, Human Resource Development, Intergovernmental Compliance, Fiscal Integrity, Accreditation and Economic Development.
<b>November 2004 – March 2006</b>	Academic Program Quality Reviews *

**\* Academic Quality Program Reviews:**

- All departments and programs reviewed their respective curricula in developing new brochures.
- The old curriculums were reviewed to revise the University Catalog. The changes were made to enhance the programs.
- Policies and procedures were reviewed in the Spring Semester 2006 by the Academic Council and the faculty.
- Assessments of academic programs were done during the “Declare a Major Week”, April 17-22, 2006. Recommendations from this assessment were sent to the Curriculum Committee for review.
- All program reviews confirm to the Board of Regents, Southern University System and SACS Accreditation policies and procedures.
- Several policy changes and the review of transfer credit will strengthen the quality of the programs.
- Initiate service learning opportunities to improve academic/student support services.

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<b>January 2007</b>	Completion of Institutional Readiness Reviews & Presented to the University Community. <b>(1<sup>st</sup> Phase Reviews Completed)</b>
<b>February 2007</b>	Faculty Credential Reviews. <b>(On going)</b> .
<b>March 2007</b>	QEP Topic Selected <b>(QEP Development Deferred)</b>
<b>April 2007</b>	Development of Revised Institutional Effectiveness Model with emphasis on "Closing the Feedback Loop". Phase II of Institutional Readiness Reviews- Introduction of Committee Assignments by <u>Core, Comprehensive, and Federal Standards</u> . Committee includes Chair & Resources Personnel Assignments.
<b>May 2007</b>	2006/07 Institutional Effectiveness Plans (IEP) Due.
<b>June 2007</b>	Finalize Committee Staff Assignment to Phase 2 Readiness Audit Subcommittees. Focus of Phase 2 effort - Problem Identification
<b>July 2007</b>	Leadership Retreats with Emphasis on Institutional Effectiveness & SACS Reaffirmation Orientation. <b>(SACS Institutional Profile Finance Due)</b> .
<b>August 2007</b>	Introduction of Revised IEP Plans. Revised Format Reflect Budget Planning, Performance Accountability & Evaluation.
<b>September 2007</b>	2007/08 IEP Plans Due <b>(QEP Development Process Begins QEP Director Assigned)</b> . <i>Deferred Until November 2007</i>
<b>September – November 2007</b>	Strategic Performance Goal Operational Plans Developed. (FY 08/09) State Mandated Performance Reporting Requirement Collateral to University Funding Appropriation Process. <b>SACS Institutional Profile Submissions</b> .
<b>October 2007</b>	SAIR Conference (Little Rock Arkansas) with SACS Workshops on Compliance Certification and Quality Enhancement Planning. <i>Attendance: SACS Leader Chair, Liaison, PAR, &amp; University Relations.</i>
<b>November 2007</b>	<i>(Compliance Certification &amp; QEP Directors Assigned)</i>
<b>December 2007</b>	SACS Annual Meeting New Orleans, Louisiana. Leadership Team & PAR Participation: <i>(Mid Year IE Reports Due, Modification of Compliance Readiness Audit Review Methodology SACS Forum Debriefing)</i> .

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<b>January 2008</b>	SACS Update to University Community <b>(1) SACS Vice President: Mr. Joseph Silver.</b> (2) Commencement of Compliance Readiness Audit: Recommendations & Resolution Options Resulting for Transitioning into Compliance Certification Document Development. (3) Designation of Compliance Certification Development Team(s)
<b>February 2008</b>	QEP Committee Staff & Topic Selection Process Begin. <i>(Proposed Consultant Visits: (1) Southern System (2) Compliance Readiness Audit). Mid February/Early March 2008</i>
<b>March 2008</b>	2007/08 IEP Reports Due. <i>Progress Updates from Compliance Readiness Audit Chairpersons.</i> University Orientation: QEP Development with emphasis Town Hall Meetings, Focus Groups or Other Strategies Enlisted for Inclusiveness. <i>(Proposed Consultant Visit: (1) QEP, Related Student Learning Outcomes &amp; Institutional Effectiveness. Mid March/Early April 2008)</i>
<b>April - May 2008</b>	FY 2008/09 Budget Preparation Process (SUSLA) Emphasis on SACS Reaffirmation Efforts.
<b>June 2008</b>	Institutional IEP Report Card Due. <b>Second Progress Updates Compliance Readiness Audit. Development of Peer and Demographic Data Profiles Supporting QEP Topic Selection.</b> University Retreats Regarding QEP Topic Selection
<b>July 2008</b>	SACS Leadership Team Training Retreat Regarding QEP Topic Selection and Compliance Certification. <b>(Consultant Visit- Optional)</b> SACS/QEP Workshop (TBD).
<b>August 2008</b>	Reaffirmation Activity Update Presented to the University Community with Emphasis on (1) QEP Selection Topic and Finalization of Committee Members for Implementation. (2) Continuation of Phase III Compliance Readiness Audit.
<b>September 2008</b>	2008/09 IEP Plans Due. Evidence of Quality Enhancement Planning Development Included.
<b>October 2008</b>	SAIR Conference With Emphasis On SACS Workshops for Compliance Certification and Quality Enhancement Planning.
<b>September – November 2008</b>	Strategic Performance Goal Operational Plans Developed. (FY 09/10) State Mandated Performance Reporting Requirement Collateral to University Funding Appropriation Process. <b>SACS Institutional Profile Submissions Due.</b>
<b>November 2008</b>	Completion of Phase III Readiness Audit. Preparation of Certificate for Compliance Narratives and Supporting Documentation.
<b>December 2008</b>	SACS Annual Meeting (TBD) <b>(Mid Year IE Reports Due).</b>

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<b>January 2009</b>	Orientation of Leadership in Atlanta Ga. Preparation of Focused SACS/QEP Report for Peer Review Evaluation. <b>(TBD)</b> .
<b>February 2009</b>	Continuation of Work on Compliance Certification Through Feb. 2010.
<b>March 2009</b>	2008/09 IEP Reports Due.
<b>April - May 2009</b>	FY 2009/10 Budget Preparation Process (SUSLA). Emphasis on SACS Reaffirmation Efforts
<b>May 2009</b>	
<b>June 2009</b>	Institutional Report Card Due.
<b>July 2009</b>	SACS/QEP Workshop (TBD).
<b>August 2009</b>	Reaffirmation Activity Update Presented to the University Community.
<b>September 2009</b>	2009/10 IEP Plans Due.
<b>September - November 2009</b>	Strategic Performance Goal Operational Plans Developed. (FY 10/11) State Mandated Performance Reporting Requirement Collateral to University Funding Appropriation Process. <b>SACS Institutional Profile Submissions Due.</b>
<b>December 2009</b>	SACS Annual Meeting (Mid Year IE Reports Due)

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<b>January 2010</b>	Presentation to University Community: Reaffirmation Activity Update ( <b>Initiate Activities for the SACS 2011 Off-Site Review &amp; On-Site Team Visit</b> )
<b>March 2010-</b>	2009/09 IEP Reports and Compliance Certification Documents Due March 15 2010.
<b>March –May 2010</b>	Off Site SACS Peer Review Conducted.
<b>April – June 2010</b>	FY 2010/11 Budget Preparation Process (SUSLA).Emphasis on SACS Reaffirmation.
<b>June 2010</b>	Institutional Report Card Due. (Leadership Retreats Optional).
<b>July 2010</b>	SACS/QEP Workshop (TBD) (Leadership Retreats Optional) ( <b>SACS Institutional Finance Profile Submission Due</b> ).
<b>July – August 2010</b>	Submission of Quality Enhancement Plan & Focused Reports Due
<b>August 2010</b>	Reaffirmation Activity Update Presented to the University Community.
<b>September 2010</b>	2010/11 IEP Plans Due.
<b>September - November 2010</b>	(1) <b>On-Site SACS Peer Review Conducted.</b> (2) Strategic Performance Goal Operational Plans Developed. (FY 11/12) State Mandated Performance Reporting Requirement Collateral to University Funding Appropriation Process. <b>SACS Institutional Profile Submissions.</b>

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<b>January 2011</b>	Presentation to University Community: Reaffirmation Activity Update ( <b>Year of Reaffirmation Recap</b> ).
<b>March 2011</b>	2010/11 IE Reports Due.
<b>April–June 2011</b>	FY 2011/12 Budget Preparation Process (SUSLA) Emphasis on Quality Enhancement Plan Implementation.
<b>June 2011</b>	<b>SACS Reaffirmation Review By The Commission on Colleges</b>
<b>July 2011</b>	SACS/QEP Workshop (TBD). <b>SACS Institutional Profile Finance Due.</b>
<b>August 2011</b>	Reaffirmation Activity Update Presented to the University Community.
<b>September 2011</b>	2011/12 IEP Plans Due.
<b>September - November 2011</b>	Strategic Performance Goal Operational Plans Developed. (FY 12/13) State Mandated Performance Reporting Requirement Collateral to University Funding Appropriation Process. <b>SACS Institutional Profile Submissions Due.</b>
<b>December 2011</b>	SACS Annual Meeting (TBD) Decision on Southern University at Shreveport Reaffirmation Announced. Mid Year IE Reports Due.

**Revised Timelines Context:**

1. Established milestones reflect best available information as of July 1, 2007. Periodic updates are forthcoming which may reflect revisions in timelines or anticipated task requirements.
2. Milestones depicted after July 2007 reflects SUSLA's attempt to linking institutional effectiveness with Act 1465 strategic planning and budget appropriations processes as required by the State of Louisiana. Also, revised timelines are inclusive of recommendations identified in the December 2005 readiness review conducted by the Southern System Office.
3. In support of the preceding, collateral timelines have been established for preparation of Compliance Certification and Quality Enhancement Planning (QEP) documents. Such efforts are consistent with institutional integrity perspectives as articulated under the new SACS principles of accreditation.

**SUSLA Compliance Certification (Track A)**

Compliance Certification Planning/Implementation Activities	Starting Readiness Audit Process	Formation and Training of Leadership Team	Start Preparation of Compliance Certification Narratives and Supporting Documentation	<b>Orientation of Leadership Teams in Atlanta</b>	<b>Work on Compliance Certification</b>	<b>Continue Work on Compliance Certification</b>	<b>Compliance Certification Due 3/15/10</b>	<b>Off-Site Peer Review Conducted</b>	<b>Quality Enhancement Plan and Focused Reports Due</b>	<b>On-Site Peer Review Conducted</b>	<b>Review by the Commission on Colleges</b>
January, or earlier	March	July	Nov-Jan	January	Feb - Dec	Jan - Feb	March	March-May	Six weeks in advance of on-site visit	Sept-Nov	June
2008 Three Years Prior to Reaffirmation				2009 Two Years Prior to Reaffirmation		2010 One Year Prior to Reaffirmation				2011 Year of Reaffirmation	

Compliance Certification Timelines are Linked to Detailed SACS Reaffirmation Timelines

**SUSLA Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Track A**

QEP Conceptual Design Phase (Director Designation)	QEP Development Process	QEP Development Process	QEP Development Process	<b>QEP Development Process</b>	QEP Development Process	OEP Development Process	QEP Development Process	<b>Off-Site Peer Review Conducted (Compliance Certification Due 3/15)</b>	<b>Quality Enhancement Plan and Focused Reports Due</b>	<b>On-Site Peer Review Conducted</b>	<b>Review by the Commission on Colleges</b>
September 07 Anticipated	January	July	December	Jan - Feb	Feb - Dec	January	March	March-May	Six weeks in advance of on-site visit July-Aug.	Sept-Nov	June
2008 Three Years Prior to Reaffirmation				2009 Two Years Prior to Reaffirmation		2010 One Year Prior to Reaffirmation				2011 Year of Reaffirmation	

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