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INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS NEWSLETTER

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SACSCOC INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS WORKSHOP

At the beginning of the month, Dr. Condon and the IE Office traveled to Decatur, GA to attend the Institutional Effectiveness Workshop for Pre-Applicants hosted by SACSCOC. Dr. Mary P. Kirk, SACSCOC Vice President, led the one-day workshop that focused on the two Core Requirements that they perceive as most difficult: requirements 7.1 and 8.1.

Core Requirement 7.1 addresses institutional planning; specifically, it requires "ongoing, comprehensive, and integrated research-based planning [processes] ... that (a) focus on institutional quality and effectiveness and (b) incorporate a systematic review of institutional goals." To demonstrate compliance, we must provide descriptions of the institutional planning and evaluation process as well as specific examples of how research has led to continuous improvement. One way that all employees of the university contribute to this process is the performance reviews that will be implemented this month. These reviews are linked to the strategic plan, and they demonstrate how each employee's role supports the plan.

Requirement 8.1 begins, "The institution identifies, evaluates, and publishes goals and outcomes for student achievement." To fulfill this requirement, we will submit PLO charts, licensure test results, graduation rates, and other quantitative measures that exhibit student achievement. Faculty have a direct role in fulfilling this requirement by updating PLO charts at the end of each semester.

In concluding the workshop, Dr. Kirk said, "Sections 7 and 8 are very difficult for some institutions, but these particular standards will assist all institutions in being successful." That is the goal that we need to keep in mind: being a school that successfully prepares students for the future.

Reference:
SACSCOC (2018). "The principles of accreditation: Foundations for quality enhancement." Retrieved from <http://www.sacscoc.org/pdf/2018PrinciplesOfAccreditation.pdf>.

STATISTIC OF THE MONTH

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students are enrolled in the new BA Interdisciplinary Studies and BA Criminal Justice programs.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct. 21** - Preregistration Opens
- Nov. 1** - Syllabi Evaluations due from deans
- Nov. 8** - Performance Reviews due (tentative date, more info to come)

Spring 2019 Grade Distribution

