

## Important Update on SACS Accreditation

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Members of the UK Campus Community,

I'm pleased to share with you the University of Kentucky Compliance Certification Report that was recently submitted to the Southern Association for Colleges and Schools (SACSCOC). This report is a significant milestone en route to reaffirmation of the University's accreditation. It reflects the diligent work of faculty and staff and a conscientious effort to respond fully and accurately to SACSCOC standards and requirements. I am very grateful to the faculty and staff who dedicated countless hours of work to this effort. Compiling this report is a time-consuming and intensive process.

You may access the report at this website: <http://www.uky.edu/IRPE/ie/Accreditation.html>

At this time SACSCOC evaluators are reviewing this report and will meet November 8 and 9 to complete their findings. After their meeting we will receive a report indicating either compliance or noncompliance with each standard. We will then have an opportunity to respond to these concerns in a Focused Report due to SACSCOC in late January 2013. Following their receipt of the Focused Report a SACSCOC evaluation team will visit the campus April 9-11, 2013. The On-Site committee will evaluate and determine acceptability of our Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) and review areas of noncompliance that were noted by the Off-Site committee, requirements related to criteria established by the U.S. Department of Education, and any areas of concern that may arise during the visit.

Reaffirmation of accreditation is among the most important of our endeavors, and this report documents our stewardship to the people of Kentucky and those beyond its borders. The reaffirmation process provides an occasion for us to look inward and outward; to assess what we do well and what we could do better. It allows us to hold ourselves to the Commission's standards and demonstrate that we meet and surpass those standards. This process makes our University stronger and more capable of carrying out our mission and advancing the Commonwealth.

I look forward to the continuing process and will keep you informed as we move toward our goal.

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President