

LSCO's Journey to Reaffirmation 2025

June 2023



Continuing The Principles of Accreditation!

The [*Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement*](#) includes standards and requirements that apply to all programs and services within an institution.

Section 5: Administration & Organization

5.1 [CR], 5.2.a

The CEO of the institution is responsible for board approved missions, goals, and priorities. SACSCOC (2018) states, "CEO oversees an organizational structure that includes key academic and administrative officers and decision makers with credentials appropriate to their respective responsibilities" (pg. 34).

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5.2.c, 5.3

Successful fund raising can be a foundation to an institution's achievement of their mission. Therefore, the institution's CEO is in control of the fund raising to support the institutional priorities and initiatives. It is common for colleges to create or have an affiliation with independent, separately incorporated entities, like the LSC-O Foundation. Clearly defined authority and operating controls should be established in a formal, written manner.

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5.4, 5.5

To ensure institutions have effective leadership to be successful with its mission, appropriate academic and administrative officers are employed to uphold responsibilities associated with their positions. SACSCOC (2018) says that, "There is an expectation that an institution consistently follows its own policies" (pg. 41). Institutions issue policies explaining conditions of appointment, employment, and evaluation to demonstrate that they employ personnel with adequate qualifications to support the achievement of goals with the educational mission.

Accreditation Resource Team (ART) Update

The LSCO Accreditation Resource Team (ART) finished up the first draft of our narratives, received feedback, and are now working on the second draft. We will also be working to collect supporting documentation during the summer.

If you have any questions about the team's progress, please contact David Mosley (David.mosley@lSCO.edu) or Patty Collins (patty.collins@lSCO.edu).

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Reaffirmation of Accreditation Timeline

June—December 2023

All dates subject to change throughout the process

Target Date	Accreditation Process	Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)	Institutional Effectiveness Plan (IEP)
June 2023	ART Team Workshop <i>Guided revision and editing of narratives (tentative 29th)</i>	Begin development of data collection system for QEP assessment	FY24 Unit Plans due by 6/30
July 2023	SACSCOC Summer Institute, Dallas (15-19) Second draft of narratives due with updated supporting documentation files (due 14)	Prepare to deploy QEP Pilot (Fall 23)	FY23 Unit Plan assessment results due by 7/31
August 2023		QEP Newsletter Internal promotion of QEP to faculty, staff, and students	
September 2023	ART Team Workshops <i>Guided revision and editing of narratives with individual teams</i>	Continued promotion of QEP on campus	New academic year (AY24) begins – Administrative and Educational Outcome Assessment Plans are implemented
October 2023	ART Team Workshops <i>Guided revision and editing of narratives with individual teams</i>		
November 2023	ART Team Workshop Upload narratives and supporting documentation Final drafts of narratives and supporting documents uploaded to collection site (25)	Arrange for external review of QEP Begin development of data collection system for QEP assessment	
December 2023	Review/ proofread final drafts of narrative Final collection of supporting documentation files to be uploaded to collection site (18)	Second draft of QEP due (18)	