

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 8, 2015

TO: Deans

FROM: Gary Perry, Provost and
Vice President for Academic Affairs



SUBJECT: **Accreditation Procedures** – (Supersedes all prior memoranda and policies)

In addition to regional accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), 67 academic programs at Florida Atlantic University are currently individually accredited by 18 outside accrediting organizations. In addition, several programs are in the process of considering initial accreditation. It is important that the Office of the Provost be involved in accreditation procedures and processes, as follows:

1. The Associate Provost for Programs and Assessment will be the point of contact in the Office of the Provost for all issues related to individual program accreditation. It will be the responsibility of the Associate Provost for Programs and Assessment to insure that the Provost and other members of Academic Affairs and the President's Executive Leadership Team, as appropriate, are apprised of accreditation procedures and issues.
2. The Office of the Provost needs to be consulted prior to seeking initial accreditation. The Dean, and relevant members of the Dean's staff, needs to be prepared to present the argument for individual program accreditation.
3. Six months prior to the submission of the self-study documents for initial accreditation or reaffirmation to the accrediting organization, the Dean, and relevant members of the Dean's staff, need to meet with the Associate Provost for Programs and Assessment to review the accreditation requirements and procedures.
4. No later than one month prior to submission of the self-study documents for initial accreditation or reaffirmation to the accrediting organization, the Dean, and relevant members of the Dean's staff, need to meet with the Provost, Associate Provost for Programs and Assessment, and relevant members of Academic Affairs and the President's Executive Leadership Team to review documents and issues.

5. No later than one month before the site visit, the Dean, and relevant members of the Dean's staff, need to meet with the Provost, the Associate Provost for Programs and Assessment, and relevant members of Academic Affairs and the President's Executive Leadership Team, to review procedures and issues and the site visit schedule
6. Copies of all correspondence and documentation received by the President, the Provost, the Dean and/or the Chair/Director of the program from the accrediting organization are to be sent to the Associate Provost for Programs and Assessment. It is the responsibility of the Associate Provost for Programs and Assessment to insure that the Provost, members of Academic Affairs, and members of the President's Executive Leadership Team, as appropriate, be apprised of accreditation actions and issues.
7. The Associate Provost for Programs and Assessment needs to be apprised of any changes in accreditation schedules; i.e. time line for documents, site visit schedule, etc. It is the responsibility of the Associate Provost for Programs and Assessment to keep the Provost apprised of the schedule and the issues.

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