

SACS 101

A Crash Course in Institutional Effectiveness

Are the following statements true for you?

“I know how my work contributes to the goals of the college.”

(Pause: What *are* the goals of the college?)

“I receive clear information about changes being made in the college.”

“My performance evaluation provides me with meaningful information about my performance.”

“I know how the college measures its success.”

What do you know about SACSCOC?

- What is it?
- How does it affect Ranger College?
 - How does it involve you?
 - When does it involve you?

What do you know about Institutional Effectiveness?

- What is it?
 - How does it affect Ranger College?
 - How does it involve you?
 - When does it involve you?

The “Right” Answers

SACSCOC (“SACS” for short): What it is

The regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting institutions of higher education in eleven Southern states as well as international institutions.

What SACSCOC accreditation involves:

- Reaccreditation every 10 years
- Fifth-year interim report
- A compliance certification
- A Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)

**Northwest Accreditation
Commission**

Canada, Russia

**North Central Association of Colleges
and Schools**

Department of Defense Overseas
Dependent Schools

**New England Association of Schools
and Colleges**

Africa, Europe, Middle East, Asia

**Middle States Association of
Colleges and Schools**

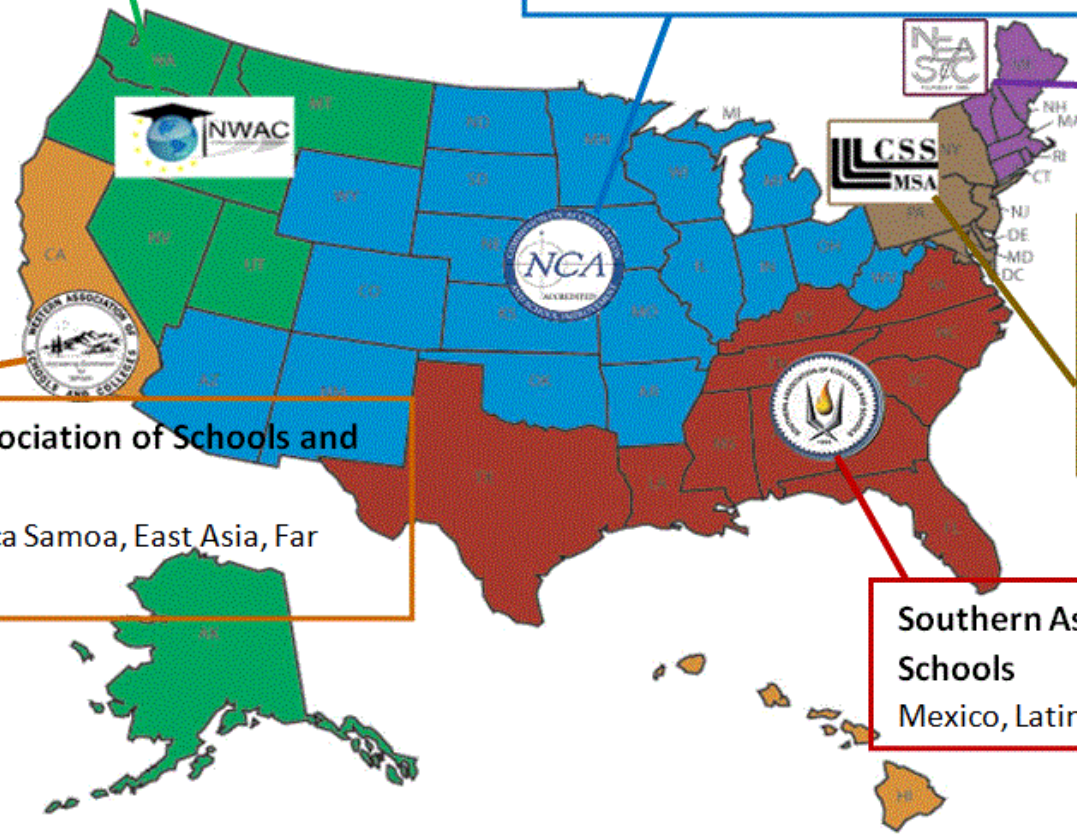
District of Columbia, Canal Zone, Puerto
Rico, Virgin Islands, Africa, Europe, Near
East

**Western Association of Schools and
Colleges**

Guam, America Samoa, East Asia, Far
East

**Southern Association of Colleges and
Schools**

Mexico, Latin America



The “Right” Answers

Institutional Effectiveness: What it is

The systematic, explicit, and documented process of measuring performance against mission in all aspects of an institution.

What it involves

- Strategic planning, establishing institutional (and from there, division and program-level) goals and objectives
- Reviewing and assessing the performance of divisions, offices, and educational programs
- Using the resulting data to make improvements

The “Right” Answers

An institutional planning and effectiveness process involves all programs, services, and constituencies; is linked to the decision-making process at all levels; and provides a sound basis for budgetary decisions and resource allocations.

Strategic, Operational, and Institutional Effectiveness Planning and Assessment



How does SACS affect Ranger College?

Educational and institutional excellence

Access to federal financial aid

How does SACS affect Ranger College?

SACSCOC's philosophy of accreditation:

“Self-regulation through accreditation embodies a philosophy that a free people can and ought to govern themselves through a representative, flexible, and responsive system. . . . At the heart of SACSCOC's philosophy of accreditation, the concept of quality enhancement assumes that each member institution is engaged in ongoing improvement of its programs and services and can demonstrate how well it fulfills its stated mission.”

Getting Real

How this stuff
is viewed now



Getting Real

- ✓ Completing a check box
- ✓ Fulfilling a compliance obligation
- ✓ Doing extra work
- ✓ Dealing with an annoying distraction from what you really want to be doing



But what could it be?

Something that directly supports you in doing your job well

A tool for identifying what is and isn't working

A tool for identifying possible areas of change and growth

A map for knowing where you fit into the overall mission and purpose of this college

A blueprint for excellence

How do SACCS and IE involve you?

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