

### 3.006 Accreditation.

(1) Each university board of trustees shall develop policies on accreditation that are consistent with the mission of the institution and Board of Governors' guidelines.

#### (2) Regional accreditation

(a) Each institution shall seek and take action to maintain regional accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

(b) Each president shall immediately inform the Chancellor upon verbal or written notification of any visit scheduled or any action taken by SACSCOC ~~the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools~~ related to the institution's compliance certification or interim report.

(c) Each institution shall provide a copy of the certification letter for initial accreditation or accreditation reaffirmation ~~compliance certification or public disclosure statement~~ to the Board of Governors immediately upon receipt from SACSCOC ~~the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools~~.

(d) Upon request, an institution shall provide the Office of the Board of Governors with a copy of any institution response to SACSCOC ~~the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools~~.

#### (3) Discipline-Specific Accreditation

(a) Each institution is encouraged to seek and take action to maintain national or discipline-specific ~~specialized~~ accreditation for its colleges, schools, and academic programs for which there are established standards for programmatic accreditation.

(b) Discipline-specific accreditation is required for academic programs in which graduation from an accredited program is a prerequisite to achieving licensure or certification for professional practice.

~~(b) If an institution does not seek national or specialized accreditation, it shall provide the Office of the Board of Governors its rationale as part of the State University System Accreditation Survey.~~

(c) Each institution must provide immediate notification to the Office of the Board of Governors when an accredited academic program is placed on warning or probation, or when the accreditation status is revoked by a discipline-specific accrediting body. The notification must include a report of any adverse accreditation findings provided by the discipline-specific accrediting body that outline the basis for the change in accreditation status.

(4) Each institution shall submit annually the State University System Accreditation Survey to the Office of the Board of Governors.

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