



Connect Collaborate Innovate

A Newsletter From The Provost's Office

Letter From Inside the War Room



This week's *Connect Collaborate Innovate* will be a brief *communiqué* from the SACSCOC Compliance Review "War Room."

You may have had a request for a document from an administrator recently. *"Have you got the minutes for the XYZ committee? Samples from the past three years would be wonderful."* The requests may have seemed a little more rapid-fire with each passing

week. *"Pretty please, could I have your latest resume by the end of the week / day / hour?"* Occasionally, you might spot one of those administrators out and about on campus, away from their desk (OK, this one is less likely). And the reason for all this: it takes a lot of time to showcase our amazing work at this College via the SACSCOC Compliance Report, and that Report is due March 1.

Writing a narrative for each SACSCOC Standard gives us a chance to stand back and look at the College from a different perspective from the day-to-day operations. In this process we revisited State Statute and the Florida Administrative Code, ensuring all updates are noted and our practices continue to align. We tell the story to our reviewers about how the content of our programs is coherent,

well-defined and appropriate for higher education to meet the needs of our diverse population of students: we are stellar in this area.

In this process we also “render visible” the qualification of the staff in many departments to show that we have qualified as well as sufficient employees serving our students: our knowledge, background and

skills are impressive.

The SACSCOC Compliance Report is an important undertaking; valuable for reflection, renewal and continuous improvement.

I promised a short CCI, so I will finish by saying that the **collaboration** involved in preparing this report has made me value my colleagues more than ever. The **connections** in

the report among statute, mission, policies and programs demonstrates that we are an institution that is second to none in higher education. Finally, it is because of the **innovation** of the staff, faculty and administration that we continue to shine and will most certainly receive positive feedback from our peer reviewers.



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