



Broward
Community
College

Policy Manual

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| Title: Accreditation | Number: 6Hx2-2.03 |
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The College shall seek and maintain regional accreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and by relevant specialized professional bodies as determined by the President in conjunction with appropriate faculty and staff. Accreditation reports shall be sent routinely to the Board of Trustees for review, and appropriate College publications shall cite accreditation status in accordance with the specifications of the accrediting bodies.

Regional Accreditation. The President is expected to be conversant with the *Criteria for Accreditation* of the Commission of Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and with Commission policies, procedures, and guidelines. Furthermore, he/she is expected to establish a self-study process that involves personnel from all segments of the institution and ensures the development of a report that assesses all aspects of the College, identifies both its strengths and its weaknesses, and suggests adequate solutions to problems identified. This self-study process should also include adequate procedures for the review and follow-up of observations, suggestions, or recommendations made in the self-study report.

Regional Accreditation Liaison Officer. The President may appoint a regional accreditation liaison officer to be responsible for:

- Providing an identified place where information can be disseminated and questions answered about regional accreditation.
- Maintaining a file of all regional accreditation materials, including reports, manuals, standards, policies, schedules, and correspondence.
- Familiarizing faculty, staff, and students with the Commission on Colleges' accrediting policies and procedures, and with particular sections of the *Criteria for Accreditation* and Commission policies.
- Ensuring that regional accreditation requirements, including compliance with accrediting criteria, are considered not only during the self-study, but incorporated into the planning and evaluation process of the institution.
- Notifying the Commission on Colleges in advance of substantive changes and program developments in accord with the substantive change policies of the Commission.

[Link to Procedure A6Hx2.03](#)

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