GENERAL STATEMENT

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 Principles of Accreditation: Foundations of Quality Enhancement 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 involve personnel from all segments of the institution in the reaffirmation process to ensure the development of a report that assesses all aspects of the College, in judging compliance with Commission requirements.

Regional Accreditation Liaison Officer: The President shall 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 archives 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 Principles of Accreditation: Foundations of Quality Enhancement and Commission policies.
- Ensuring that regional accreditation requirements are 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 Policy of the Commission.