SACS Reaffirmation
Compliance Report and QEP

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Reaffirmation Process

- SACS standards ("Principles of Accreditation")
  - "Institutional effectiveness" is a cornerstone
  - Need to demonstrate we do what we say we do
- SACS review process (At midpoint now)
  - Compliance Report (Sept. 2004)
  - Off-site review of compliance (Nov. 2005)
  - Quality Enhancement Plan (Jan. 2005)
  - On-site review and visit of QEP (Mar. 2005)
  - SACS reaffirmation decision (Dec. 2005)
How we’re organized

**SACS Leadership Team**
- President
- Provost
- Sr. VP, Fin. & Adm.
- Associate Provost

**Council**
for Institutional and Academic Program Review and Accreditation

- Institutional accreditation
- Academic program reviews
- Specialized accreditations

**Units and Offices**

**Compliance**
**QEP**
Compliance Report: Core Requirements

- Basic Standards: necessary but not sufficient for accreditation
  - 2.1 to 2.4, Mission and Governance
  - 2.5, Institutional Effectiveness
  - 2.6, Continuous Operation
  - 2.7, The Institution
  - 2.8, Adequate Faculty Resources
  - 2.9, Library
  - 2.10, Student Affairs
  - 2.11, Financial Resources
  - 2.12, Quality Enhancement Plan
Compliance Report: Comprehensive Standards

- Detailed expansion of core requirements
  - Institutional Mission, Governance and Effectiveness
- Programs
  - All programs
  - Undergraduate programs
  - Graduate programs
  - Faculty
  - Library and other learning resources
  - Student Affairs and Services
- Resources
Compliance Report: Federal Mandates

- Embodied in Federal 1998 Higher Education Amendments
  - 4.1, Placement rates
  - 4.2, Curricula related to mission
  - 4.3, Grading policies
  - 4.4, Appropriate program length
  - 4.5, Student compliant policies
  - 4.6, Recruitment materials
  - 4.7, Published name of accreditor
  - 4.8, Title IV program requirements
Compliance Working Group

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Compliance Report: Status

- Edited report on GT SACS website
- Comments provided by SACS Leadership Team, Cabinet, Compliance Group
- Finalizing links to all supporting documentation (over 2,700 links!)
- Now: Comment access for EB, Executive Management Group, Others
- Change to read-only access on August 27th for final edits and link verification
Soft Spots

- Institutional effectiveness for all degree programs (BS, MS, PhD)
- Faculty
  - Verification of credentials
- Consortia and Off-Campus Programs
  - Documentation of agreements
  - Demonstrating adherence to comprehensive standards
Process Forward

- What have we learned from the SACS compliance audit process?
- How can we build infrastructure to ensure compliance going forward?
- What is to be the Executive Board’s role in this process?
Compliance Report: Login

- GT SACS website is viewable at http://www.assessment.gatech.edu/SACS/index.php
- Log in to compliance report at http://www.assessment.gatech.edu/sacs_review/
- Use kerberos ID and password (i.e., jh45)