GT SACSCOC
10 Year Reaffirmation

Executive Board
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SACSCOC Reaffirmation Basics

- Peer-review process to determine if GT is academically and organizationally qualified to award academic credit
- Timing: every ten years
- Current process—June 2013-December 2015
- Two parts: Compliance Certification, Quality Enhancement Plan
- Desired outcome: reaffirmation with no significant remedial work required and an action plan for the improvement of Georgia Tech academically and organizationally
Reaffirmation Process Timeline

- September 2014—Compliance Certification due for off-site review
- October/November 2014—Off-site review completed and focused report delivered to GT
- January 2015—QEP and focused report response due
- March 9-12, 2015—On-site review
- December 2015—SACSCOC decision on reaffirmation
Compliance Certification

- An audit of every aspect of the GTs academic and administrative programs—95 core requirements, comprehensive standards, and federal requirements

- Three chances to be judged in compliance—off-site review, QEP/focused report, and on-site review
Early warning

Principles and core requirements that result in the most “out of compliance” rulings for Track B institutions:

CS 3.7.1 Faculty Competence
CS 3.3.11 Institutional effectiveness-educational programs
CR 2.11.1 Financial resources
CS 3.3.1.3. Institutional effectiveness-educational support
CS 3.3.1.2 Institutional effectiveness-administrative units
Quality Enhancement Plan

• A plan for a project which is faculty-driven and focused on enhancing student learning and/or the environment for student learning
• Aligns with the GT Strategic Plan
• Five year effort with funding and support from GT
• Includes rigorous assessment of learning outcomes
• Broadly known and supported on campus
• 80% of the on-site visit will be about the QEP
SACSCOC Reaffirmation Process Organization

GT Compliance Certification Steering Committee

GT Quality Enhancement Plan Steering Committee and Faculty Review Committee

Faculty leaders and project group for QEP

Project management organization—reassigned staff, consultants, temporary staff
The Opportunity of Reaffirmation

- Compels us to review every aspect of the Institute’s academic and administrative programs
- Helps us to identify problems and new accountability requirements and address them in a timely manner
- Creates One Georgia Tech
- Ties our academic and administrative programs and decisions to the strategic plan