

## SACS COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Lowman Student Center, Room 304  
Meetings of May 22, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

**Members Present:** Muehsam (Chair), Ashorn, Burlison, Constance, Eglsaer, Gilcrease, Holder, Morris, and Tayebi

1. Minutes of May 15, 2007 meeting  
**Action:** Unofficial motion for approval by Morris, second by Tayebi; passed.
2. The committee discussed the new Carnegie classification system.
3. Standard 3.9.3 was discussed. Daughnn Pruitt will work with Frank Parker to determine the appropriate level at which staff qualifications should be demonstrated.
4. Dr. Muehsam provided the following SACS updates:
  - On June 11, five University representatives (President, Chief Academic Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Faculty Representative and the SACS Liason) will be attending a SACS meeting. At this meeting, instructions and information will be provided in relation to the writing of the Compliance Certification Report.
  - A SACS Newsletter will be distributed on a regular basis informing the University Community of important SACS issues and processes. The next newsletter will address the initiatives taken thus far on assessment.
  - Somer and Dr. Muehsam will be discussing with Computer Services a document published by SACS containing guidelines and suggestions for the design of the online Compliance Report.
  - It was requested of the committee to provide examples of past assessment for academic years 2002-2005. To date, almost nothing has been provided to Dr. Muehsam's office.
  - The committee was informed that the Department of Education was pushing for assessment to be at the course level; however, the accreditation agencies are attempting to prevent this from happening.
5. The committee completed the matrix of related standards (3.7.1-4.8). The completed matrix will be placed on blackboard.

Somer Smith