Re: Murray State University's Decennial SACS Reaffirmation

Murray State University is scheduled for decennial reaffirmation of accreditation in 2014 by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). This reaffirmation process consists of a campus-wide review in the form of a compliance audit and certification involving Core Institutional Requirements, Comprehensive Standards, and Federal Requirements beginning in August, 2011, and culminating in September, 2013. The university will then undergo an extensive review of our Quality Enhancement Plan, as well as a comprehensive campus visit by a SACSCOC Reaffirmation Team in the spring of 2014. Preliminary preparations have been made, and we now move into the formal phase involving campus-wide teams. We anticipate that approximately 175 individuals will be involved in our campus reaffirmation process.

A Steering Team and writers have been appointed by the President to guide the certification of all requirements/standards of SACS Accreditation. This process begins during the fall with the assignment of writers and reviewers for each of these requirements/standards. Steering team leaders were asked to recommend individuals who they wished to work with on this very important university initiative due to their area of expertise. I am pleased to announce that **you have been identified by members of the university administration and SACS Steering Team <u>to serve as a reviewer</u> for sections of our compliance report**. I hope that you will be willing to serve in this capacity. The majority of this next phase of the reaffirmation process will begin next spring. A meeting to orient you to the process will be held on **Wednesday, November 9**, in the Freed Curd Auditorium of the Collins Center for Industry and Technology beginning at 3:00 p.m. and should only last an hour.

Our mission is to prepare ourselves for reaffirmation of our institutional accreditation that will have a lasting impression on the quality and effectiveness of our university centered on student learning. We look forward to working with each of you and ask you to join us in achieving our goals during this vital accreditation process. Please contact me if you are unable to accept this appointment for any reason.

Thank you for your support of Murray State University during this important process.

Jay Morgan
SACS Liaison