

Western Carolina University
SACS Review
Compliance Committee Meeting
3:30 p.m., Thursday, December 1, 2005
Belk 404

Minutes

Present: Kathleen Brennan, Carol Burton, Renee Corbin, Beth Coulter, Fred Hinson, Noelle Kehrberg, Phil Kneller, Mary Ann Lochner, Bill Ogletree, Bob Orr, Edna Waldrop, and Kathy Wong.

Absent: Steve Baxley, Debbie Beck, Josie Bewsey, Pat Brown, Nancy Dillard, Elizabeth Frazier, Beth Lofquist, Dianne Lynch, Jeanine Newman, Newt Smith, and Irene Welch.

Agenda

- I. Noelle called the meeting to order. Members who drafted responses to standards were provided with written feedback received from readers of the drafts. Carol indicated that the institutional readers are doing a very thorough job of assessing the reports in terms of 1) clarity, 2) appropriateness of the response for the standard, and 3) evidence to make a judgment of compliance. A brief discussion ensued with the members agreeing to review and follow up on feedback received. **All clarifications, changes, and corrections to the drafts must be completed and sent to Carol by Friday, January 6, 2006. Carol will forward electronic copies of the drafts so that committee members can work with the original document disseminated to readers.**
- II. Carol discussed the results of Ann Chard's (SACS Liaison) visit on November 14, and thanked committee members for participating in the luncheon/ meetings associated with her visit. Noelle and Carol commended the Compliance Committee members for remaining on task and completing the first round of responses to the 74 standards.
- III. The SACS Annual Meeting in Atlanta is scheduled for December 3-6, 2005, and there are 11 representatives from WCU attending the meeting. Carol shared the publication of a new document designed by SACS to assist institutions undergoing a review: *Resource Manual for the Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement*. Darlene has ordered several copies of the manual and they will be available for committee members to use as they continue to address the standards.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.