

## **Anticipated Timeline for SACS Reaffirmation of Accreditation** **(Bolded items are SACSCOC requirements)**

*FAU is one of 79 colleges and universities that will undergo reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) in 2013. Unlike our last self-study, the process now includes two components: A Compliance Certification Report that demonstrates compliance with the Core Requirements, Comprehensive Standards and Federal Requirements, and is reviewed by an off-site team; and the development of a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). The QEP describes a course of action that the university will follow for the next five years to improve student learning outcomes or enhance the learning environment, and is reviewed by an on-site team. The following timeline outlines the major milestones in the accreditation process:*

Fall 2010	Begin organization process <i>(Identify key personnel for committees, identify resource needs, establish timelines, set QEP informational meeting schedule.)</i>
December 2010	Key personnel attend SACS Annual Meeting in Louisville. <i>(This may take the place of the June orientation meeting.)</i>
Spring 2011	Identify QEP topic through broad-based participation.
<b>June 13, 2011</b>	<b>FAU Leadership team travels to Atlanta for orientation. (President, Provost, Accreditation Liaison, Faculty Rep and Finance Chief)</b>
2011-12	Preparation of Compliance Certification Report and QEP. Optional visit by SACSCOC liaison to provide assistance.
<b>September 10, 2012</b>	<b>Compliance Certification Report due to SACSCOC.</b>
<b>November 8 – 12, 2012</b>	<b>Off-site team reviews FAU Compliance Certification and issues a report.</b>
January 2013	<b>QEP due to SACSCOC.</b> FAU's Focused Report (optional response to off-site review team report) due to SACSCOC.
<b>Feb or March 2013</b>	<b>On-site visit</b>
<b>August 2013</b>	<b>FAU response to on-site review due to SACSCOC.</b>
<b>December 2013</b>	<b>FAU accreditation reaffirmed by SACSCOC at Annual Meeting.</b>