



**RACEA Executive Committee
Conference Call
Thursday, September 10, 2020
9:00 AM
MINUTES**

Attending: Mary McLaughlin, Michael Black, Sabrina Thompson, Loraine Phillips, Allan Aycock, Catherine Jenks, Bryan Davis, Barbara Brown, Darby Sewell, Jill Lane, Danielle Buehrer

Absent:

1. Welcome
2. Approved minutes from the July 9, 2020 (Regular Executive Committee Meeting): Loraine Phillips presented the minutes from July 9, 2020. The executive committee approved.
3. Treasurer's Report—Michael Black

Treasurer's Balance for RACEA is \$8,641.39 No transactions since March 25, 2020.

Committee Updates:

- **Program Review Committee:** Lane— There was a USG led Focus Group regarding program proposals and program review. Many committee members responded to Becky Corvey's questions regarding software for managing accreditation.
- **Update Accreditation Intelligence (AI) Committee:** Buehrer—Allan and Danielle will be meeting with Tristan Denley and Myk Garn at the USG about the e-degrees. Danielle and others will help moderate the fall Webinar with SACSCOC.

SACSCOC is requesting a survey to be completed by its member institutions. Several RACEA members are using former SACSCOC reporting to complete the survey. Some questions were discussed, such as remaining in compliance. Survey completion is optional.

- **Update BOR Initiatives Committee:** Aycock—Along with Danielle, Allan Aycock is meeting with Tristan Denley and Myk Garn at the USG about the e-degrees.
4. **Fall Meeting Planning:** McLaughlin
 - **Update on SACSCOC Updates Webinar on Oct. 15, 2020:** Agenda for the Webinar has been sent to RACEA by Mary. Mary met with Darby, Loraine, and Danielle to discuss the agenda. Pat Donat will talk about SACSCOC updates, compliance areas of concerns because of COVID-19, and Federal updates. We will use Teams for the Webinar. Mary will arrange for Teams.
 - **Brainstorm Questions to Guide SACSCOC Presentation:** Include best practices for documenting procedures during COVID-19. Schools are



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documenting decisions in all areas of operation. 1.) We should ask questions about how the recent SACSCOC survey came to be and how SACSCOC hopes to use the results. 2.) We will also ask how transfer should be handled in light of the new Federal rules and regulations, since there is no more regional accreditation, now replaced by institutional accreditation. 3.) We will also ask about assessment challenges during COVID-19. 4.) We will ask if there will be face-2-face SACSCOC on-site visits in the spring? 5.) We expect that Student Achievement data may shift due to COVID-19, we will ask what the perspective will be from SACSCOC? Mary will share these questions with Pat Donat prior to the Webinar.

5. **Other Business:** Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 8 at 9:00.**
6. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.