

SACSCOC Questions and Answers

What action has the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges taken against UofL?

SACSCOC has placed UofL on probation immediately for a period of one year, with a possible extension of an additional year.

Why has SACSCOC placed UofL on probation?

The probationary action is based on issues with SACSCOC requirements related to Board of Trustee membership (Core Requirement 2.2), selection and evaluation of the university president (Comprehensive Standard 3.2.1), external influence (Comprehensive Standard 3.2.4), and Board of Trustee dismissal (Comprehensive Standard 3.2.5).

What does probation mean?

A university is put on probation when areas of non-compliance with SACS standards have been detected. The institution is given a set length of time to correct the issues.

What happens if you don't comply?

We fully expect to be in compliance. Non-compliance could lead to a range of actions by SACS. <http://www.sacscoc.org/pdf/081705/sanctionpolicy.pdf>

How does probation impact students?

We expect to be in compliance, so there should be no impact on our students.

The reasons listed were all governance-related. Did SACS give any other reasons for placing UofL on probation?

No.

Is there anything UofL can do to address these issues, or does the responsibility fall elsewhere?

These issues are related to governance. We will certainly do our part to work with our board of trustees, the governor and others to strengthen or revise our policies as necessary to address the concerns raised by SACS.

What are the broader implications? Could this impact other Kentucky colleges?

That is a question for SACS or possibly the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. Our focus is on the University of Louisville.