



*Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges
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CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR SACSCOC STAFF

Policy Statement

SACSCOC staff should inform the President of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges where a potential conflict of interest might exist. A conflict of interest exists if a SACSCOC staff member:

1. has been – within the last ten years – a compensated consultant, an appointee or employee of the institution, or recently has been a candidate for employment at the institution
2. is a graduate of the institution
3. has a close personal or familial relationship with persons at the institution or a strong bias regarding the institution
4. has any other relationship which would serve as an impediment to rendering an impartial, objective professional judgment regarding the accreditation of an institution.

Furthermore, SACSCOC staff members should be sensitive to personal situations which might present conflicts of interest in their relations with member and applying institutions. In particular, staff members are prohibited from accepting honoraria, awards, or honorary degrees from member or applying institutions. No consultant fee may be accepted by SACSCOC staff from any applicant, candidate, or member institution within the SACSCOC region.

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