

3.13.2

Policy Compliance: Collaborative Academic Arrangements: Policy and Procedures

Applicable Policy Statement. Member institutions are responsible for notifying and providing SACSCOC with signed final copies of agreements governing their collaborative academic arrangements (as defined in this policy). These arrangements must address the requirements set forth in the collaborative academic arrangements policy and procedures. For all such arrangements, SACSCOC-accredited institutions assume responsibility for (1) the integrity of the collaborative academic arrangements, (2) the quality of credits recorded on their transcripts, and (3) compliance with accreditation requirements.

Documentation: The institution should provide evidence that it has reported to the Commission all collaborative academic arrangements (as defined in this policy) that included signed final copies of the agreements. In addition, the institution should integrate into the Compliance Certification a discussion and determination of compliance with all standards applicable to the provisions of the agreements.

Judgment

Compliance Partial Compliance Non-Compliance Not Applicable

Narrative

Currently, only one agreement of this type exists at Tennessee Technological University (TTU), i.e., a joint academic award with FH Aachen (Germany) in the area International Business Studies [1]. In establishing and maintaining this degree program, the University has followed the applicable sections of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) policy on Joint and Dual Academic Awards: Policy and Procedures. It has also notified and provided final copies of the agreements to SACSCOC, as per the policy requirement. The SACSCOC has approved the TTU-Aachen program [2]. TTU assumes responsibility for the integrity of this joint academic award, the quality of the credits recorded on the transcripts, and compliance with accreditation requirements.

Conclusion

TTU has followed the accreditation and notification requirements of SACSCOC as they apply to the joint degree program it has with FH Aachen (Germany); and assumes responsibility for the integrity of the academic award and the quality of the credits recorded on the transcripts. Therefore, TTU is in compliance with Comprehensive Standard 3.13.2.

Sources

 [1] TTU Aachen Agreement

 [2] SACSCOC Approval 1_9_2014