

Title: Dual Degree and Consortia Agreement Policy

Policy Abstract: This policy establishes guidelines and procedures for the oversight and maintenance of the College's dual degree and consortia agreements with other academic institutions and entities.

Responsible Office: Provost's Office

Official: Associate Provost

Contact(s): Associate Provost, 226-4660

Applies to: Institutions and consortia with which the College maintains dual degree and other academic agreements.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

Revision Dates:

Introduction/Background: The College has long maintained dual degree agreements with partner institutions (e.g., pre-engineering) and agreements with other academic institutions and consortia (e.g., Birmingham Area Consortium for Higher Education), but has no written policy for the review, revision, and maintenance of those agreements. This policy creates a systematic review process for all such agreements.

Purpose: This policy provides guidelines and procedures for the oversight of the College's relationship with partner institutions that establish dual degree arrangements and other consortia agreements.

Applicable Regulations:

SACSCOC Comprehensive Standards 3.4.7 (Consortial relationships/contractual agreements) and 3.13.2 (Policy compliance)

Policy Statement:

The College maintains written agreements with other academic institutions and consortia in order to offer Birmingham-Southern College students the opportunity to enroll in dual degree programs and to enroll for coursework that enhances their educational experience. Such agreements will be reviewed, revised as necessary, and renewed at least once in every three year period. The Associate Provost of the College will be responsible for reviewing the status of these agreements to ensure:

- quality of courses offered through the consortia or partner institution
- compliance with SACSCOC requirements
- support of the College's mission

Details/Process:

The Provost's Office will maintain an updated file on each of these agreements and will work with designated officers and faculty at partner institutions to ensure the above. Birmingham-Southern College faculty involved with each dual degree program or consortium relationship will be identified and will serve as liaisons who work with the Associate Provost to ensure that each agreement remains compliant and up-to-date. The Associate Provost will communicate to each partner institution changes in the Birmingham-Southern College curriculum that may have an impact upon each of these agreements, particularly with respect to general education requirements and specific coursework required for enrollment in all dual degree programs.

Definitions:

SACSCOC – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges

References:

BSC College Catalog