



# 1990-92 SACS Self-Study Newsletter

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**Departmental Office Self-Studies:** Thanks to everyone who has worked on the office self-studies in such a timely fashion! While the amount of detail provided in the 60 studies received to date does indeed vary, as does departmental decision regarding current compliance with the SACS criteria, we believe that the studies will provide a critical basis for the working committees as they now begin drafting their reports. **One interesting fact:** while the average number of criteria regarding which departments thought more work was needed (in their department) for compliance was about **ten**, this does not mean that there is evenness across the departments. On the contrary, our reading of the reports indicates that some departments who clearly meet a very large number of the criteria, listed more criteria to be worked on than did some departments which meet fewer criteria. Incidentally, we had indicated we needed two copies of your study and a cover letter indicating the manner of faculty involvement. We will be calling secretaries of some departments in the next two weeks if either or both of these requests were not met. Thanks again to all who worked so diligently on this important undertaking.

**Planning Unit Self-Studies:** These studies are due February 1st and we request again that authors take special care to observe problems indicated in departmental studies **and** to focus on any **PFA**s that might also be useful in furthering SACS compliances. Thanks, too, to you who have worked on these complex studies.

**Our Working Committees:** All working committee members should have received copies of the relevant portions of the office self-studies we have received. We are about to send a second parcel to you, which will bring you to a total of 60 out of 65 self-studies. As the remaining few become available and as the planning unit self-studies come in February 1st, we will forward those as quickly as we can. Please review your procedures carefully and call us if you have questions. Thanks!

**SACS Annual Meeting in Atlanta, December 9-12th:** We received another dose of great conviction that the visiting committee which comes in March, 1992, will want to see **how** we have used the results of our evaluations of the methods that we state that we will use to achieve our stated goals. They will want us to show that we have used those results to improve our efforts! We also learned that some universities are **not** faring very well on this!