



## POLICY STATEMENT 116 REPORTING SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE TO SACSCOC

### POLICY DIGEST

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### I. PURPOSE

To establish the requirements and procedures to ensure that Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (LSU) notifies the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), the university's regional accrediting body, of all substantive changes in a timely fashion, and when required, seek approval prior to the initiation of those changes.

### II. DEFINITIONS

According to SACSCOC, a substantive change is "a significant modification or expansion of the nature and scope of an accredited institution" and "includes high-impact, high-risk changes that can impact the quality of educational program and services" (see Source A). Specifically, substantive changes relevant to LSU (a Level VI institution) include the following actions:

- A. Substantially changing the established mission or objectives of an institution or its programs.
- B. Changing the legal status, form of control, or ownership of an institution.
- C. Changing the governance of an institution.
- D. Merging/consolidating two or more institutions or entities.
- E. Acquiring another institution or any program or location of another institution.
- F. Relocating an institution or an off-campus instructional base to a non-measures. Adding an additional method of delivery to a currently offered program.



Failure to comply with SACSCOC substantive change policy and procedures may result in the loss of the university's Title IV funding, or the