

Resolution on SACS Plan of Action

Approved by the UHD Faculty Senate
By the UHD Faculty Senate Executive Committee
February 5, 2008
(22 in favor, 1 abstention)

Whereas:

- Reaccreditation by SACS is critical to the existence of our institution and specifically to the careers of our faculty and education of our students,
- Existing processes for satisfying SACS recommendations have proven insufficient, and
- The time frame for gathering, assessing, and reporting on significant amounts of data is short

Be it resolved that:

The UHD Faculty Senate requests that UHD administrative leadership deliver an action plan to the UHD community to address the SACS recommendations in the letters of January 9, 2007 and January 9, 2008. The action plan should include the following elements and be made available by February 15, 2008:

- a. Appointment and convening of the UHD Academic Assessment Committee by February 15, 2008.
- b. Direct Faculty involvement in academic program assessment activities and general education assessment.
- c. Mechanisms for facilitating program-based assessment decisions in each department, including:
 - i. a handbook of assessment
 - ii. a policy that incorporates 6-year program review cycle under the leadership of the Provost and establishes timeline for assessment activities
- d. A process for creating an institution-wide agenda for ongoing assessment and assessment-based decisions
- e. Regular progress reporting to various bodies in the UHD community through September 2008
- f. Participation and contributions of multiple parties, including faculty, to the final report due to SACS on September 5, 2008, with drafts available to the Faculty Senate by August 5, 2008.
- g. Specific dates for deliverables
- h. Specified responsible parties
- i. Indication of what SACS recommendation elements are addressed by each action step
- j. Allotment of resources to hire an external academic assessment consultant and course releases or compensation to faculty and staff