SACS Outcomes Report
EKU has received the report from the SACSCOC off-site committee, which determined EKU to be in compliance on 74 of the 91 standards. In the follow-up conference call with Dr. Charles Taylor (our COC staff member), Dr. Taylor shared with President Benson, Vice Provost Robinson, and me that most of our non-compliance issues are “easy fixes” that can be addressed by simply providing additional information.

We were especially pleased with the feedback regarding the two most troublesome standards for most schools: With regard to adequacy of full-time faculty and faculty qualifications, we went through, in Dr. Taylor’s words, with “flying colors.” Regarding faculty qualifications standards in particular, 98-99 percent of institutions are generally determined out of compliance at the off-site stage.

Had even one faculty member been cited, we would have been ruled as “non-compliance.” The success on these standards is evidence that EKU hires highly qualified faculty. The success is also attributed to Dr. Robinson’s work with the chairs to document qualifications and then present them clearly and appropriately to the off-site committee.

The focused report will be due to the on-site committee by January 9. The SACSCOC on-site visit is scheduled for February 21-23.

EKU is deeply indebted to Vice Provost Robinson, Dr. Gill Hunter, and the SACS Leadership Team for their work on the compliance report, as well as to EKU’s dedicated faculty and staff throughout the campus who ensure we continue to meet the rigorous, high quality standards of SACSCOC.

Pedagogicon
The Noel Studio for Academic Creativity will host the 2017 Pedagogicon on Friday, May 19, 2017. The conference theme, “Innovations in Teaching and Learning,” encourages examination and promotion of strategies for teaching and learning that engage new and forward-thinking approaches. This year’s Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Melody Bowdon, a writing professor and administrator at the University of Central Florida as well as a published author in the field of innovative pedagogies.

A pre-conference workshop on leadership features Dr. Maria del Carmen Salazar, who has spoken at EKU previously. During her visit in May, Dr. Salazar will offer another presentation on inclusive excellence as part of the Provost’s Professional Development Series. Dr. Salazar’s presentation is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, from 9-11 a.m. Faculty and academic/student success staff will be invited to attend. Further details will be forthcoming.

The Noel Studio is inviting faculty to submit proposals for Pedagogicon sessions. Threads might include but are not limited to:
• High-Impact Educational Practices
• Use of technology to enhance teaching and learning
• Creative instructional techniques that engage students in learning, especially deep learning
• Innovative faculty development initiatives, programs, and processes
• New ways to use Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) to enhance teaching and learning in the classroom
• Ways to incorporate diversity into teaching and learning

The Studio welcomes submissions by individuals and groups, faculty-student research teams, and cross-institutional collaborators. Proposals are due by February 1, 2017.

Please visit studio.eku.edu/2017-pedagogicon for more information about the conference and call for proposals. The proposal submission form is available at studio.eku.edu/pedagogicon-proposal-submission-2017. Conference registration will be available via the webpage in early spring 2017.

**Important Dates**

Please mark the following upcoming dates on your calendars:

- **Wednesday, February 15, 2017** – Please update Faculty Profiles and Data in Digital Measures
- **February 21-23, 2017** – SACS-COC On-Site Accreditation Visit
- **March 2, 2017** – Posters-at-the-Capitol
- **April 10-14, 2017** – Scholars Week 2017 (http://ekuscholars.eku.edu/)
- **April 14, 2017** – Assurance of Learning Showcase, Keen Johnson (Event time forthcoming)
- **May 19, 2017** – Pedagogicon (studio.eku.edu/2017-pedagogicon)

Respectfully,

Janna Vice