



October 6, 2021

Ms. Rhea F. Law
Interim President
University of South Florida
4202 East Fowler Avenue
Tampa, FL 33620

Dear President Law:

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) authorized accrediting agencies the flexibility to conduct virtual accreditation-related committee work, with an obligation to verify the findings with a subsequent on-site visit. Your institution has now completed the follow-up verification process. Thank you again for the hospitality and assistance extended for the Virtual Verification Follow-Up Visit to your institution on September 28-29, 2021.

Enclosed is the report documenting that visit. The report will be archived in our system, along with the report of the virtual committee as the collective professional judgment of the institution's compliance with the *Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement (Principles)*. Since the follow-up visit confirmed the information provided to the committee during the virtual visit, no additional action is required by your institution.

SACSCOC works to maintain a cooperative and constructive relationship with officials in system and state offices. Due to the institutional nature of the accreditation process, however, reports are more appropriately furnished to the system or state offices by the institution rather than directly from SACSCOC. Should you wish to do so, you will find enclosed a second copy of the report.

I offer my sincere appreciation to all members of your faculty and staff for their cooperation and assistance during the review process. Please feel free to call upon me if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Denise Y. Young, Ph.D.
Vice President

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cc: Mr. Michael R. Wrona, Assistant Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Planning & SACSCOC Accreditation Liaison

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE REPORT

Virtual Verification Follow-Up Visit

(To be completed only for visits conducted virtually due to COVID-19 that require on-site review)

Institution: University of South Florida

Dates of Virtual Visit: January 26 – 28, 2021

Date(s) of Verification Visit: September 28-29, 2021

Type of Substantive Change:

- Branch campus
- Change in governance
- Direct Assessment Competency-Based Education Programs
- Distance education/electronic expansion
- Level change (higher level)
- Merger/consolidation non-SACSCOC entities
- Merger/consolidation SACSCOC entities
- Off-campus site (not a branch campus)
- Program expansion (significant departure or move to lower level)
- Program expansion at a new off-campus site

Activities completed during Verification Visit (check all that apply):

- Meeting with institution's CEO and leadership team
- Meeting with institution's governing board, if applicable
- Meeting with representative group of faculty members
- Meeting with representative group of students
- Tour of physical facilities
- Tour of off-campus instructional site(s)/branch campus, if applicable

List of locations:

- University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee Branch Campus, 8350 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34243
- University of South Florida St. Petersburg Branch Campus, 140 7th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Brief narrative describing visit itinerary:

Over two days, a visit was made to the institution's main campus in Tampa plus the two branch campuses in Sarasota-Manatee and St. Petersburg. Each branch campus visit included a meeting with local administrators and a tour of facilities. At the main campus in Tampa, meetings were conducted with Interim President Law and other institutional administrators and campus facilities were toured.