“A significant expansion of the nature and scope of an accredited institution”
The institution **NOTIFIES** and **SEEKS APPROVAL** when required **& prior to** the Commission of changes in accordance with the substantive change policy prior to the initiation of the changes.

**Why is there** Substantive Change?

**Principles versus processes**
SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE FOR SACSCOC ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS
Policy Statement

2018 Principles of Accreditation

0 material changes to substantive change policy

Substantive change includes...

• Mission
• Legal status, form of control or ownership
Substantive change includes… (con’t)

• Courses or programs – significant departure
• Level change
• Clock → credit

Substantive change includes… (con’t)

• Substantial change in program length
• Contract or consortial relationships
• Additional location

Substantive change includes… (con’t)

• Acquisition
• Joint and dual academic awards
Substantive change includes… (con’t)

…and others not specifically enumerated

**Notification** vs. **Approval**

acceptance ≠ approval
Off-campus instructional sites and Distance Learning

Distance Learning

An institution is approved for distance learning only once.
Dual Enrollment

Dual Enrollment Policy

Policies and Procedures
The importance of 14.2

Board of Trustees Reviews

1. Full Board
   June + December

2. Executive Council
   c. every two weeks

Full Board
   June + December

✓ mergers + consolidations; change of governance, ownership, control, or legal status

more...
1. Full Board
   June + December
   ✓ policy + procedure reviews
   ✓ items referred by staff
   ✓ most level changes

2. Full Board
   Deadlines
   - March 15 for June
   - Sept 1 for December

3. Executive Council
   c. every two weeks
   ✓ 13-member representative subset
     for all “Procedure One” approvals
     not referred to full Board of
     Trustees
   ✓ Now with submission deadlines…
2. Executive Council
   c. every two weeks

   **January 1**
   for July – December implementation

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2. Executive Council
   c. every two weeks

   **July 1 ↔ prior year**
   for January – June implementation

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Program Closures and Teach-out Plans

*All program + site closures require approval*