

Substantive Change-GENERAL INFORMATION

As a member institution of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), GHC is required to notify the Commission of any proposed substantive changes in accordance with SACSCOC policy and, when necessary, obtain approval prior to the initiation of the changes. SACSCOC defines substantive change as a significant modification or expansion in the nature and scope of an accredited institution. A listing of developments that are considered to represent a substantive change can be found in the [SACSCOC policy statement](#) on Substantive Change for Accredited Institutions.

This policy requires one of three different procedures for processing/reporting a substantive change. The procedures vary in complexity and time required for processing based on the specific nature of the substantive change involved. These procedures are detailed in both the SACSCOC and the GHC Substantive Change Policies.