


SWTJC MEMORANDUM

TO: SWTJC Board of Trustees

FROM: Mark Underwood 
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SACSCOC Liaison

DATE: September 9, 2021

SUBJ: Fifth-Year Interim Report & Site Visit

The Board members will no doubt remember SWTJC's accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) was reaffirmed in 2016.

Five years into a college's accreditation cycle, SACSCOC requires an Interim Report on a subset of the Standards provided in *The Principles of Accreditation*. SWTJC's Fifth-Year Interim Report was sent to the SACSCOC office on September 13, 2021. A committee of two-year college peers will review our Report during the SACSCOC annual meeting in December of 2021. Dr. Gonzales will receive the committee's response sometime in early spring 2022.

As part of the Fifth-Year Interim reporting process, eight of our off-campus sites will be evaluated. SWTJC staff completed a second, shorter report focused on these sites and submitted it on September 3, 2021. Originally, a committee of four was scheduled to travel to Uvalde and actually visit these sites from October 18-20:

- Del Rio High School/Early College High School
- Del Rio District Technical Center
- C. C. Winn High School – Eagle Pass
- SWTJC's Jack Chittim Technical Campus – Eagle Pass
- Hondo High School
- Medina Valley High School
- Natalia High School
- SWTJC's Pearsall Instructional Facility

Because of safety and security protocols related to COVID-19, the four-member committee will conduct the site visits October 18-20 virtually through Zoom. SWTJC staff will be on each site with technology to provide live tours of facilities and grounds. The committee will have live interviews with students, faculty, and probably Principals and Counselors at the high schools.

SWTJC staff has contacted school district officials to let them know about the visit, why their schools were chosen, and what to expect.