

## 1.6 Representation Of Status

### Introduction

Old Dominion University strives for accuracy in reporting and publicizing its relationship with the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

### Presentation of Findings

#### 1.6/1 Accuracy in Reporting Status

A survey of the University Catalog and 43 additional brochures, pamphlets, and advertisements issued by Old Dominion University revealed that only one did not report accurately the University's status and relationship with the Commission on Colleges. That brochure, "Old Dominion University TELETECHNET," made the following inaccurate statement: "All TELETECHNET programs are accredited by the Southern Association for Colleges and Schools and all disciplinary accrediting groups in business, engineering and education." On two counts this statement may be faulted:

- It does not conform with the specific language required by the Commission on Colleges.
- It is inaccurate because the Commission on Colleges does not accredit programs; it accredits institutions.

These inaccuracies have been corrected.

#### 1.6/2 Description of Relationship with the Commission

In the majority of cases, Old Dominion University describes its relationship with the Commission as follows: "Old Dominion University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; telephone number 404 679-4501) to award baccalaureate, master's, certificates of advanced study, and doctoral degrees" (Old Dominion University, *Catalog*, 2000-02, p. 4). In only one brochure, as noted in Section 1.6/1, was a non-conforming and inaccurate statement made about the University's relationship with the Commission.

#### 1.6/3 No statement about future accreditation

Old Dominion University does not and will not make statements about future accreditation status with the Commission on Colleges.

#### 1.6/4 No use of the SACS logo

Old Dominion University does not and will not use the logo or seal of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

### Conclusion

Old Dominion University is not fully in compliance with the applicable criteria in Section 1.6, Representation of Status.

### Recommendations

None

### Suggestions

Old Dominion University should review all present and future publications to ensure that the relationship between the University and the Commission is accurately stated and in compliance with the Criteria for Accreditation.

**Must Statement Compliance Table**  
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<b>Must Statement</b>	<b>Compliance Statement</b>	<b>Supporting Documentation</b> <u>Exhibit Numbering Key:</u> <b>Criteria#/MustStatement#:Exhibit</b>
<b>1.6/1.</b> An institution <b>must</b> be accurate in reporting to the public its status and relationship with the Commission.	Non-Compliance	<b>1.6/1:01</b> Old Dominion University, Catalog, 2000-02  <b>1.6/1:02</b> Old Dominion University TELETECHNET brochure
<b>1.6/2</b> In catalogs, brochures, and advertisements a member institution <b>must</b> describe its relationship with the Commission only according to the following statement: (Name of institution) is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097: Telephone number 404-679-4501) to award (name specific degree levels).	Non-Compliance	<b>1.6/2:01</b> Old Dominion University, Catalog, 2000-02  <b>1.6/2:02</b> Old Dominion University TELETECHNET brochure
<b>1.6/3.</b> No statement <b>may be made</b> about future accreditation status with the Commission.	Compliance	<b>1.6/3:01</b> Old Dominion University, Catalog, 2000-02
<b>1.6/4.</b> The logo or seal of the Association of Colleges and Schools <b>must not</b> be used by the institution.	Compliance	<b>1.6/4:01</b> Old Dominion University, Catalog, 2000-02

