

Virginia Regional Accreditation Symposium

Mission and Vision

The mission, vision, and purpose statements for the Virginia Regional Accreditation Symposium (VRAS) were created in the spring of 2017 by the VRAS leadership group: Linda Birtley, Susan Bosworth, Jackie Bourque, Cheryl Carroll, Cindy Chiarello, Jeffrey Johnson, Skip Kastroll, Virginia Kinman, Geoffrey Klein, Craig Lawhorne, Lois Myers, Tisha Paredes, Christopher Richardson, Kristi Shackelford, Kathy Walker.

Mission

VRAS, an active, purposeful network of higher education colleagues in Virginia, advances open discussion and dissemination of knowledge to support institutions' achieving and sustaining SACSCOC accreditation.

Vision

VRAS serves the higher education community in Virginia by facilitating inter-institutional relationships and providing accurate information and reliable interpretation of SACSCOC policy.

Purpose

The purpose of the VRAS is to:

1. Build relationships among faculty and staff responsible for compliance with SACSCOC policies and principles.
2. Provide resources for faculty and staff that deal with the intersection of state recognition and regional accreditation.
3. Serve as a forum for discussion about salient accreditation-related issues and how they affect Virginia institutions.
4. Share accreditation-related knowledge and experiences among Virginia institutions that may serve as an example or guidance to colleagues.
5. Welcome, engage, and mentor new members from within our own and other accredited institutions within the Commonwealth to share knowledge and ensure the future growth of the VRAS.