Please see Academic Affairs Manual, Section G- Substantive Change Policy & Procedure (<http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/documents/academic_services/sectiong.pdf>) for Instructions on completing this form. Form must be submitted to the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

**Date:**

**Brief Description of Proposed Change:**

| **Does your proposed change….** | **YES** | **NO** | **Time Frame for Contacting SACS-COC** | **Prior Approval Required by SACS** |
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| Initiating coursework or programs at a more advanced level than currently approved |  |  | 12 months | Yes |
| Expanding at current degree level *(significant departure from current programs)1* |  |  | 6 months | Yes |
| Initiating a branch campus (see definition of “branch campus” on p. 5 of this document**)** |  |  | 6 months | Yes |
| Initiating joint degrees with another institution (see Commission policy “Collaborative Academic Arrangements: Policy and Procedures) |  |  | 6 months | Yes |
| Initiating a certificate program… (typically for workforce development)  …using existing approved courses  …at a new off-campus site (previously approved program)  …that is a significant departure from previously approved programs1 |  |  | NA  Approval required prior to implementation  Approval required prior to implementation | NA  Yes  Yes |
| Initiating off-campus sites (including Early College High School programs offered at the high school) …  …Student can obtain 50 percent or more credits toward program  …Student can obtain 25-49 percent of credit  …Student can obtain 24 percent or less |  |  | 6 months  Prior to implementation  NA | Yes  No  NA |
| Expanding program offerings at previously approved off-campus sites  …Adding programs that are significantly different from current programs  …Adding programs that are NOT significantly different from current programs |  |  | Prior to Implementation  NA | No  NA |
| Altering significantly the educational mission of the institution2 |  |  | 6 months | Yes |
| Initiating distance learning…  …Offering 50 percent or more of a program (Once approved, institutions may add programs that are significant departures from the originally approved programs by submitting notification in advance)*1*  …Offering 25-49 percent  …Offering 24 percent or less |  |  | 6 months  Prior to implementation  NA | Yes  No  NA |
| Initiating programs/courses offered through contractual agreement or consortium |  |  | Prior to implementation | No |
| Initiating a merger/consolidation with another institution |  |  | 6 months | Yes |
| Relocating a main or branch campus |  |  | 6 months | Yes |
| Relocating an off-campus instructional site |  |  | Prior to implementation | No |
| Changing governance, ownership, control, or legal status of an institution |  |  | 6 months | Yes |
| Changing from clock hours to credit hours |  |  | 6 months | Yes |
| Altering significantly the length of a program3 |  |  | 6 months | Yes |
| Initiating degree completion programs |  |  | 6 months | Yes |
| Closing an institution or program: (see Commission policy “Closing a Program or Institution”)  …closing a program with internal teach-out protocol  … closing a program with a teach-out agreement with another institution  …closing an institution |  |  | Prior to implementation  6 months  Prior to implementation | No  Yes  No |

**Review by Substantive Change Committee:**

Approve – Description of actions needed for SACS Compliance

Not approved

Returned to submitter for additional explanation:

Date of Review: