

Bios for SACSCOC On-Site Review Committee Members



Dr. William M. McDonald

Dr. William M. McDonald is serving as Chair of the SACSCOC On-Site Review Committee for Florida State University. He was Dean of Students at the University of Georgia (January 2011 to February 2023). As Dean of Students, he oversaw departments such as Greek Life, Judicial Programs, Leadership and Service, Center for Student Organizations, University Union, Tate Student Center, and Intercultural Affairs. He previously served as the Vice President for Student Life and

Dean of Students at Presbyterian College (2002 to 2010). He earned his doctorate in Leadership Studies in Education from the University of Tennessee, his master's in Counseling and Administration from Appalachian State University, and his bachelor's degree in Recreational Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. McDonald's scholarly interests include building campus community, assessing student perceptions of community, and developing model programs for faculty involvement in residence halls.



Dr. Suzanne E. Barbour

Dr. Suzanne E. Barbour is Dean of the Graduate School, Vice Provost for Graduate Education, and Professor of Cell Biology at Duke University (2022 to present). In this role, Dr. Barbour oversees policies and procedures related to graduate education. She previously served as Dean of the Graduate School at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2019 to 2022) and Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Georgia (2015 to 2019). She led the graduate program in biochemistry and molecular

biology for the School of Medicine at Virginia Commonwealth University where she held affiliate appointments in the departments of African American studies, Biology, and Microbiology and Immunology. Dr. Barbour received her doctorate in molecular biology and genetics from John Hopkins University and her bachelor's degree in chemistry from Rutgers University. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of California, San Diego. Her research is related to metabolic diseases. She also serves on the Minority Affairs Committee at Duke University with a special interest in diversifying the STEM field. She has been on the Council of Graduate Schools Board of Directors since 2020. She is on advisory boards for the Council of Graduate Schools and Graduate Education Advisory Council of the Educational Testing Service.



to 2010), and Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness and Operations (2004 to 2008). She received her doctorate in Education from Liberty University, her master's in Business Administration from the University of New Orleans, and her bachelor's in Business Administration from the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. Monique S. Baucham

Dr. Monique S. Baucham is the Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Assessment, and Accreditation at the University of Houston (2021 to present). Previously, Dr. Baucham served as the Executive Vice President and Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness at Columbus Technical College (2015 to 2017), Assistant Dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Distance Learning at Sentara College of Health Sciences (2013 to 2014), Assistant Director of Assessment at Clark Atlanta University (2008



Dr. Jesús Castro-Balbi

Dr. Jesús Castro-Balbi is a Professor of Music at Kennesaw State University (2021 to present). He was the first full-time cello professor at Texas Christian University (2003 to 2021) where he built the cello program. In 2012, he received the College of Fine Arts Award for Distinguished Achievement as a Creative Teacher and Scholar from TCU. He received his doctorate in Musical Arts from The Julliard School, his master's in Music Performance (cello) from the Yale School of Music, an artist diploma in Music Performance (cello) from Indiana University Bloomington, and his bachelor's in Music Performance (cello) from the Conservatoire

National Supérieur d Musique et de Danse (Lyon, France). He also earned a professional MBA from Texas Christian University and completed the Management Development Program in Higher Education/Higher Education Administration from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Dr. Castro-Balbi is a renowned cellist who has traveled the world playing at Tokyo's Suntory Hall, Shanghai's Oriental Arts Center, Mexico City's Sala Nezahualcóyotl, and Carnegie Hall. He has presented masterclasses and lectures at Beijing's Central Conservatory, Paris Conservatoire, the Leipzig and Stuttgart Hochschule, and the Yale School of Music. He served as Faculty Senate Chair during his time at Texas Christian University. He in the American Council on Education Fellows Class of 2018-2019.



Dr. G.P. "Bud" Peterson

Dr. Bud Peterson is the President Emeritus & Regents Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology (2019 to present). During his tenure as President (2009 to 2019), the university was invited to join the Association of American Universities (AAU). He served as Chancellor & Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Colorado at Boulder (2009 to 2016), Provost & Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (2000 to 2006), and in faculty and

administrative roles at Texas A&M University System (1981 to 2000). Dr. Peterson has a doctorate in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M University, a master's in Engineering from Kansas State University, and bachelor's degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Mathematics from Kansas State University. Dr. Peterson is a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the American Institute of Aeronautics & Astronautics. He holds 18 patents and has four pending. He is Vice Chair of the National Security Higher Education Advisory Board at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (2012 to present). He is a member of the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics (2015 to present) and served as Chair of the NCAA Board of Governors (2016 to 2020). He served as a member of the AAU Board of Directors (2014 to 2018) and on the Executive Committee (2015 to 2018). He was a member of the National Science Board (2008 to 2020), having been appointed by two different U.S. Presidents.



Mr. Gary Thomas Ray

Mr. Gary Thomas Ray is the Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management at Texas State University (September 2016 to present). His team has set six records for freshman class enrollment, created a new welcome center, university branding campaign, scholarship optimization plan, parents' portal, enrollment dashboards, test-options admissions, stop-out recruitment initiatives, and a one-stop student enrollment support center. He previously served as Vice President for Enrollment

Management (2014 to 2016) and Associate Vice President for Enrollment Services (2010 to 2014) at Texas Women's University. He was Vice President for Enrollment Management at Lee University (1990 to 2010). Mr. Ray earned a master's in Secondary Education from the University of Tennessee and a bachelor's in Secondary Education and Teaching from Lee University. He completed the management development program certification from Harvard University. He has held professional membership with the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers along with related state associations in Texas and Tennessee.



Dr. Mark A. Sheridan

Dr. Mark A. Sheridan is the Vice Provost for Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs and Dean of the Graduate School at Texas Tech University (2014 to present). He provides overall leadership to the Division of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs, including academic leadership of the university's interdisciplinary graduate programs and coordination of graduate and postdoctoral education with research and other academic activities at Texas Tech. Dr. Sheridan served as Associate

Dean of the College of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies (2011 to 2014) and Director of the Interdisciplinary Cellular and Molecular Biology Program (2006 to 2014) at North Dakota State University (NDSU). As Associate Dean at NDSU, he provided leadership for obtaining institutional training grants for graduate students; recruitment and support of students with fellowships; and development activities for the support of graduate scholarships, fellowships, and assistantships. Dr. Sheridan received a doctorate in Zoology from the University of California, Berkley, a master's in Biology from Humboldt State University, and a bachelor's in Zoology from Humboldt State University. He is the Chair Emeritus of the Advisory Committee on Advocacy and Public Policy for the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS). He has been a panelist, discussion moderator, and facilitator at many CGS meetings.



his work in higher education, he was a Senior Audit Manager (2008 to 2012) and Senior Audit Consultant (2003 to 2008) at Bank of America. He earned a master's in Accounting from Louisiana Tech University and a bachelor's in Accounting from Louisiana Christian University.

Mr. Gregory J. Verret

Mr. Gregory J. Verret is the Director of Treasury Services at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (2017 to present). Prior to that, he held increasing roles of responsibility at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, including Assistant Controller for Compliance (2015 to 2017), Senior Plant Fund and Reporting Accountant (2014 to 2015), and Business Process Analyst (2021 to 2014). Prior to