Collection Overview:

Title: SACS Accreditation Materials
Creator: Liberty University
Dates: 1973 – Current
Repository: Liberty University Archive
Extent: 10.90 linear feet
Abstract: This Record Group contains SACS reports, self studies, minutes, and other supporting documentation.

Historical Note:

Liberty University was founded in 1971. In 1974 Liberty University received permission to grant degrees from the Virginia State Council of Higher Education. In 1977 LU was granted Candidate Status with Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission on Colleges. In 1980 LBC was granted Candidate Status with Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) and LU received accreditation from SACS retroactive to May 1980 class. In 1984 LU received Accreditation from TRACS and was approved as a level III institution by SACS. In 1986 SACS approved a ten-year reaffirmation for the University. In 1988 Liberty University was approved for SACS level IV.

Scope and Content Notes:

This Record Group is approximately 10.90 linear feet. It contains Liberty University’s accreditation materials with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Administrative Notes:

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Arrangement: Sub-Groups are arranged by date. Series are arranged by subject.
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Related Materials:

Brief Description of the Collection:

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   Series 4: General Reports
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Series 8: Miscellaneous Materials
Unit 1: Self-Study Worksheets (1972 – 1973)
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Unit 4: Anchor Study: December 7, 1979
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Sub-Group 2: 1980’s Materials
Series 1: Self Study Materials
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Series 3: Self Study Steering Committee Minutes Etc.
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Unit 1: March 3, 1980 Status Report
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Folder A: Report
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Unit 7: Prospectus Report for Merger into a Level III Institution
Folder A: Draft with Notes
Folder B: Final Draft
Folder C: Follow Up to the Level III Request: April 6, 1983
Folder D: Response to SACS Visiting Team’s Report for Level III
Folder E: Revised Prospectus: April 1984
Unit 8: Application for Religion and Education Masters Programs
Unit 9: Updated Progress Report: March 1980
Unit 10: Updated Progress Report: September 1980
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Unit 13: Initial Accreditation Progress Report: November 1980
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Unit 15: **Response to the Candidate Committee for Substantive Change: Oct. 1987**

Series 5: Drafts of Report Sections

- **Unit 1:** Self Study Draft 1
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- **Unit 9:** Miscellaneous Materials

Series 6: Materials from SACS

- **Unit 1:** Criteria for Accreditation: December 1983
- **Unit 2:** Manual for Accreditation: February 1984

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Series 1: Special Report to the Reaffirmation Committee: September 1997

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Unit 10: Volume X of XI
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Series 2: Official Reports

Unit 1: Report of the Special Committee for Liberty University: Nov. 5, 1990
Unit 2: LUSLLL Response to the Recommendations of Sep. 1990
Unit 3: Commission on Colleges Visit Report: March 29-31, 1995
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Folder D: First Follow-Up Report: September 1998
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Series 3: Papers
Unit 1: **Official Communications from SACS**

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Unit 3: **Faculty Evaluation Materials**

Unit 4: **Proposed Changes to the Criteria for Accreditation**
   - Folder B: 1995

Unit 5: **Information Technology Master Plan**

Series 4: **Self-Study Steering Committee Minutes Etc.**
   - Unit 1: 1994 – 1995
   - Unit 2: **Self Study Follow-Up Plan 1995**
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Unit 9: Self Study Manual
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Unit 1: Criteria for Accreditation Manuals

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Series 9: Correspondence
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Series 10: State Council of Higher Education Materials
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Unit 3: Institutional Surveys: 1990 – 1993

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Unit 5: Master of Science in Nursing: March 2001
    Folder A: Part 1
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Unit 6: Juris Doctor Program Prospectus: May 2004
    Folder A: Part 1
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