

Tec joins board of SACSCOC university accreditation body



[Tec de Monterrey](#) has been invited to join the **board** of *the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges* ([SACSCOC](#)).

[David Garza](#), Rector and Executive President of the Tec, has been invited to join the board of trustees of this organization, which is in charge of **accrediting** undergraduate and graduate programs at universities and ensuring the quality of education of its members.

*"It's a pleasure to have been invited to join the **SACSCOC Board of Trustees**. Tec de Monterrey has been accredited since 1950 and was the **first university outside of the United States to receive accreditation**,"* said Garza.

*"I'm proud that our institution is part of such an important organization focused on the academic quality of higher education. At the Tec, we're **committed to academic excellence**, which is why being part of this group is very important,"* he said.

Among other advantages, this accreditation facilitates activities such as the **internationalization** of students, professors, and graduates in academic exchanges, research stays, and collaboration between Mexican and international universities.

David Garza Salazar fue invitado a formar parte del consejo de SACSCOC width="900" loading="lazy">

The importance of this accreditation

Valeria Cantú Gonzáles, Director of Educational Effectiveness at the Tec, and **Gerardo Isaac Campos**, National Director of Academic Standards at the Tec, explained the importance of both the accreditation and the invitation to the board.

*“To put this into context, **779 universities** are now accredited by **SACSCOC**, with almost all of them from the United States and only seven from abroad, each of which is represented by their CEO, President, or Rector.*

*“The Tec and David Garza were invited to join **77 representatives** on the **Board of Trustees**, and The Tec is the only foreign university on this board,”* said Gerardo.

Campos added that this board is in charge of making decisions and ruling on the **quality standards** of all **SACSCOC universities**.

*“Students pay attention to who recognizes universities, so being accredited by SACSCOC says a lot as it ensures a **world-class education**.*

*“It says a lot about the **institution’s quality** at an international level,”* Gerardo said.

Cantú also said that this is an opportunity to increase the representation of **Latin American** universities in the United States as out of **seven foreign universities, four are from Latin America**.

El Tec es el único miembro internacional dentro del consejo de la acreditadora SACSCOC

*“The Tec is the only international university, and David Garza is the second person from the Tec to have been chosen, after Rector **Rafael Rangel Sostmann**,”* said Valeria.

During the period in which **Rafael Rangel** was rector of the institution (1985-2011), not only was participation within SACSCOC renewed, but Rafael was also the **first from the Tec to be invited** to join the accreditation body’s board of trustees.

This accreditation must be **renewed** every 10 years. The most recent renewal was in 2018, which will last until 2028.

SACSCOC is one of six organizations in the United States that accredit higher education institutions, universities, colleges, and community colleges in the states of Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Texas.

This commission also accredits universities outside of the United States.

Tec invited to prestigious international boards

Tec de Monterrey has been invited to join the boards of two other prestigious international academic associations: [Universitas 21](#) (U21) and the [Association of Pacific Rim Universities](#) (APRU).

*“As part of its **internationalization strategy**, Tecnológico de Monterrey has managed to foster the conditions to join organizations such as **SACSCOC, U21, and APRU**,”* said Garza.

*“We are very proud that our institution is not only a member of these organizations but also part of their **decision-making groups**,”* he added.

The rector highlighted that being accepted onto these boards demonstrates the commitment and international vision towards which the Tec has been working.

*“Through this, we will also continue to strengthen the strategy outlined in our **2025 Plan**, where we seek to position and strengthen the Tec through **three pillars: research, innovation, and internationalization**,”* added Garza.

Some of the universities that hold this accreditation include Duke (#23 THE), Georgia Tech (#45 THE), The University of Texas at Austin (#47 THE), The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (#52 THE), Rice University (#100 QS), and Texas A&M (#164 QS).

The Tec has been a part of **U21 for 16 years** and became a member of its Executive Committee in 2022. It has been part of **APRU for 14 years** and was re-elected to its Steering Committee in 2021 for a second period of two years.

El Tec fue la primera universidad internacional en obtener la acreditación SACSCOC width="900" loading="lazy">

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