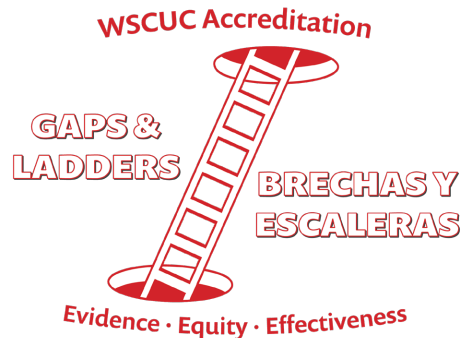


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December 2023 Update

Reaccreditation is one of the University's most critical tasks this year, so **please take two minutes to read this email in full!** There are a few critical dates and key messaging. We'll provide a progress report on November tasks, review accomplishments for this Fall, and offer a quick definition of what WSCUC and TPR mean—since you will be seeing these acronyms frequently. Thank you for your help as we work to ensure our reaccreditation.

Important Dates

- Dec. 2023: Site Visit preparation and editing of the institutional report.
- Jan. – Feb. 2024: Institutional report draft review and/or presentation by/for President and Provost, Provost's Senior Leadership Council, Academic Affairs Council, Academic Chairs, Senate Officers, Staff Council, and Student Leadership.
- Feb. 2024: Institutional report made available on the accreditation website.
- Feb. 14, 2024 (new): Institutional report due to WSCUC.
- Feb. – March 2024: Presentation(s) to Academic Senate.
- April 24-26, 2024 (new): WSCUC Reaffirmation of Accreditation Site Visit to CSUCI.
- July 26-28, 2024: WSCUC Commission meeting/action.

What was accomplished in November 2023?

- ✓ 1st reading of a student success concept resolution reviewed by the Senate for consideration.
- ✓ The Reaffirmation Steering Committee (RSC) analyzed and incorporated into their drafts in-person and virtual gallery tours feedback on the self-study.
- ✓ RSC members made presentations at Student Government, Staff Council, and Academic Senate meetings.
- ✓ External Facilitators, Drs. Jennifer Mersman and Michael Nguyen, along with Faculty Leads, Megan Kenny Feister, Melissa Soenke, and Elizabeth Sowers, continued phase two of CSUCI's efforts to assess our culture of assessment. Vice Provost/ALO Lavariega Monforti, our faculty leads, and external facilitators met with all program chairs and faculty across the University, as part of this work.

- ✓ Reaffirmation Steering Committee leadership began drafting the team's visit schedule.
- ✓ Two campus forums on accreditation were conducted for faculty, staff, and administrators.

Highlights on what was accomplished during Fall 2023 regarding accreditation (for full accounting of accomplishments, see [previous ALO campus communications on the website](#)):

- Conducted brown bag sessions of the concepts of student success, analyzed the feedback and edited the original student success concept resolution.
- Submitted the revised student success concept resolution to the Student Academic Policies and Procedures (SAPP) Committee, and then Academic Senate for review and approval.
- Developed posters for the in-person and virtual gallery tours, facilitated the in-person tours and wrote scripts to walk participants through the virtual tours.
- Reviewed the hundreds of comments from 192 student, faculty & staff participants of the gallery tours, and incorporated that feedback into another draft of team reports.
- Provided over 15 accreditation presentations to Academic Senate, ASI student leaders, Staff Council and other bodies on campus.
- Engaged/ing every single academic program/department in an assessment needs analysis and program design phase that will wrap up early Spring 2024.
- Hosted our WSCUC VP for a campus visit in September and had regular communication with her about the report and upcoming visit.
- Offered a variety of CI@CI events to faculty and staff, and planned portions of the annual Equity Summit to reinforce TPR work.
- Met with University Events staff to begin WSCUC Visit planning re: facility, technology, and media needs.
- Drafted a visit agenda and scheduled small group meetings with Gaps & Ladder/Brechas y Escaleras stakeholders.
- Developed monthly accreditation newsletters sent to keep the campus informed about our progress.
- Invited Senate officers to review and discuss a draft of the institutional report and reached out to prepare a variety of stakeholders across campus for the report and visit.
- Engaged in discussion and planning regarding hospitality, lodging, and other accommodations for the visiting team.
- Held two campus forums on accreditation with nearly 90 participants.

What is WSCUC?

The [Western Senior College and University Commission \(WSCUC\)](#), formerly known as "WASC," is the accrediting agency that aids institutions in developing and sustaining effective educational programs, while assuring the community that the accredited institution has met the high standards of quality and effectiveness.

What is TPR?

Thematic Pathway for Reaffirmation (TPR) is a streamlined, alternate pathway for reaffirmation for eligible institutions that demonstrate consistent evidence of a healthy fiscal condition, strong student achievement indicators, and sustained quality performance.

Can I learn more about the CSUCI's reaffirmation process?

Visit this link: <https://www.csuci.edu/accreditation/>

This website is continuously being updated - visit frequently for new additions such as meeting notes, reports, and more.

Questions?

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