

July 18, 2024

Dr. Richard Yao
President
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Dear President Yao:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning California State University, Channel Islands (CSUCI) by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) at its meeting June 28, 2024. This action was taken after consideration of the report of the review team that conducted the Thematic Pathway for Reaffirmation (TPR) Accreditation Visit to CSUCI April 24 – 26, 2024, using the 2023 Standards of Accreditation. The Commission also reviewed the institutional report and exhibits submitted by CSUCI prior to the Accreditation Visit. The Commission appreciated the opportunity to discuss the visit with you and your colleagues Mitch Avila, Provost, Barbara Rex, Interim CFO, Jessica Lavariega Monforti, Vice provost and ALO, Michelle Hasendonckx, Assistant Vice President, and Edna Davoudi, Administrative Analyst. Your comments were very helpful in informing the Commission's deliberations. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with WSCUC.

Actions

1. Receive the Accreditation Visit team report
2. Reaffirm accreditation for a period of eight years
3. Schedule the next reaffirmation review with the Offsite Review in fall 2031 and the Accreditation Visit in spring 2032
4. Schedule an Interim Report to be submitted by March 1, 2027 to address:
 - a. multi-year financial and enrollment planning.
 - b. priorities, timelines, and structures in support of academic program development that consider enrollment and budget contingencies.
 - c. status report on Inclusive Excellence Action Plan (IEAP) themes
 - d. development and implementation of an integrated general education program assessment process.

Commendations

The Commission commends the institution for the following:

1. Undertaking initial steps to transition campus culture toward integrated planning processes aligned with the maturation of the institution.
2. Using and sharing data transparently to inform decision making.
3. Valuing and deepening connections with surrounding communities, particularly related to enrollment and student outcomes.
4. Demonstrating commitment to and shared engagement in DEIA efforts throughout the campus.
5. Exemplifying passion for and commitment to the core mission of serving students.
6. Building centralized resources and infrastructure to support faculty and staff engagement in meaningful learning outcomes assessment.

Areas for Development

The Commission requires the institution to respond to the following areas for development:

1. Continue to prioritize multi-year financial and enrollment planning towards achieving institutional sustainability. (CFR 3.4, 3.5)
2. Develop and communicate priorities, timelines, and structures in support of academic program development that consider enrollment and budget contingencies. (CFR 2.1, 3.4)
3. Develop a plan for institutionalizing student success interventions according to data on effectiveness and potential for scaling. (CFR 2.13, 2.14, 3.10)
4. Advance the integration of holistic student success approaches into academic departments and faculty development, as well as across student and academic affairs. (CFR 2.9, 3.3, 4.1)
5. Fully execute the Inclusive Excellence Action Plan (IEAP) ensuring that efforts are connected in a strategic manner. (CFR 1.5, 4.8)
6. Accelerate development and implementation of an integrated general education program assessment process. (CFR 2.1, 2.2, 4.1)

In taking this action to reaffirm accreditation, the Commission confirmed that CSUCI completed the Thematic Pathway for Reaffirmation institutional review process conducted under the 2023 Standards of Accreditation. In keeping with WSCUC values, CSUCI should strive for ongoing improvement with adherence to all Standards of Accreditation and their associated CFRs to foster a learning environment that continuously strives for educational excellence and operational effectiveness.

In accordance with Commission policy, a copy of this letter is being sent to the chair of CSUCI's governing board. A copy of this letter is also being sent to Chancellor García, California State University. The Commission expects that the team report and this action letter will be posted in a readily accessible location on the CSUCI's website and widely distributed throughout the institution to promote further engagement and improvement and to support the institution's response to the specific issues identified in these documents. The team report and the Commission's action letter will also be posted on the

WSCUC website. If the institution wishes to respond to the Commission action on its own website, WSCUC will post a link to that response on the WSCUC website.

Finally, the Commission wishes to express its appreciation for the extensive work that California State University, Channel Islands undertook in preparing for the accreditation review. WSCUC is committed to an accreditation process that adds value to institutions while contributing to public accountability, and we thank you for your continued support of this process. Please contact me if you have any questions about this letter or the action of the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jamiene S. Studley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Jamiene S. Studley
President

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Cc: Tracy Poon Tambascia, Commission Chair
Jessica Lavariega Monforti, ALO
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