

WSCUC Spring '21: Campus Update

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD

Important Dates

- Spring 2023 WSCUC Special Visit
- ~~May 2024~~ ~~WSCUC Mid-Cycle Visit begins~~ CANCELED
- Spring 2027 WSCUC Offsite Review
- Fall 2027 WSCUC Accreditation Visit

How has WSCUC expectations for distance education programs been met during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Following the pivot to remote instruction in March 2020, CSU Bakersfield secured a series of temporary authorizations for programs currently approved only for on-site instruction to be delivered in the distance education modality due to disruptions from COVID-19. This authorization will expire on December 31, 2021. Any programs that wish to be delivered through the distance education modality after this date must secure approval through the Substantive Change process. A distance education program is defined as one in which 50% or more of the program is offered via distance education (i.e., online). For more information about this process, please contact Dr. Debra Jackson at djackson9@csu.edu.

Why is the Mid-Cycle Visit that was scheduled for May 2024 canceled?

On February 4, 2021, WSCUC announced a discontinuation of the Mid-Cycle Review in favor of a simple annual process that involves no new effort by institutions but will provide a more current understanding of institutional status, results and changes. This Annual Integrated Monitoring (AIM) process is conducted by staff and focuses on monitoring institutions for indications of current risks or trends that deserve further attention or may prove to be problematic in the future. WSCUC staff will contact institutions to request additional information if an issue is identified. The absence of any contact by WSCUC staff indicates that no issues or questions were identified.

What was accomplished during Spring 2021 to address the recommendations stated in the most recent WSCUC reaffirmation letter?

- ✓ Under the leadership of Ms. Monica Malhotra, interim AVP for Institutional Research, the Office of Institutional Research, Planning, and Assessment has hired one senior research analyst and another vacant position will be posted shortly to hire talent with analytic capability.
- ✓ The University Program Review Committee (UPRC) posted sample self-studies online and completed the review of six programs. Dr. Jinping Sun, chair of the UPRC, facilitated a series of Program Review Writing Group meetings in Spring 2021, providing additional support for faculty working on their self-studies. The Academic Senate has formed a University Program Review Task Force, which will convene in Fall 2021.
- ✓ Dr. Brian Street collected information requested by WSCUC regarding academic support services including data on students served, organizational charts, staffing ratios, resource allocations, and evidence of effectiveness. His report and recommendations will be presented to the School Deans Council in June and to the Campus in Fall 2021.
- ✓ The projected 6-year and 4-year graduation rates for first-time freshman during AY 2020-2021 are 48.8% and 29.5%, up from the previous year's rates of 46.3% and 21.6%.
- ✓ The CSUB Commission for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion was formed and will begin campus-wide discussions in Fall 2021 to develop a diversity strategic plan. The Great Colleges to Work For survey was completed and the Commission will review the results in Fall 2021. \$10,000 was distributed via competitive application process to support five tenure-track faculty members: Tat Acharya; Kanwal Gagneja; Amin Malek; Jorge Moraga; and Tracey Salisbury.
- ✓ Updates on CSUB's Strategic Plan were presented at an Open Forum held in April 2021. Discussions regarding how to present key metrics of success, budgeting, and resource allocations are planned for Fall 2021.

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