

# WSCUC Fall '21: Campus Update

## CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD

### Important Dates

Spring 2023	WSCUC Special Visit
Spring 2027	WSCUC Offsite Review
Fall 2027	WSCUC Accreditation Visit

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

- ✓ The Office of Institutional Research, Planning, and Assessment has created dashboards for different stakeholders to improve the quality of data at its source, and is collaborating with Academic Operations to improve the hygiene of reference data which is used to drive key institutional processes and application log. In addition, a senior research analyst position is now posted and IRPA is looking for a desirable candidate.
- ✓ The University Program Review Committee (UPRC) completed two program reviews and is working on reviews of twelve programs. The UPRC also updated the template for the Self-Study and Program Plan and submitted it to the UPRC Task Force. The Task Force, commissioned by the Academic Senate, reviewed, revised, and approved the changes to the Academic Program Review Policy and Procedures recommended by the UPRC, and proposed improvements to the implementation of program review.
- ✓ Dr. Brian Street presented his Academic Support Services report to several campus groups of faculty, staff, and students throughout Fall 2021. Data collection for the WSCUC Special Visit in Spring 2023 and an Academic Support Services Structure Task Force will launch in Spring 2022.
- ✓ The 6- and 4-year grad rates for first-time freshman during AY 2020-2021 are 47.6% and 27.6%, up from the previous year's rates of 46.3% and 21.6%.
- ✓ The AVP for Faculty Affairs and the Chief Diversity Officer met with 9 faculty search committees and 7 administrator search committees to provide guidance for the successful recruitment of diverse candidates. The CSUB affirmative action plan is moving from HR to the Division of Equity, Inclusion, and Compliance, and CSUB will use the Common HR System for all faculty searches to allow the university to track demographic data of applicants

throughout the process and identify potential hurdles for applicants of color. Additionally, a campus forum was held on November 29, 2021 to review the results of the Great Colleges to Work For survey conducted during AY 2020-21.

- ✓ Updates on CSUB's Strategic Plan were presented at an Open Forum on November 2, 2021. Continuing discussions regarding how to present key metrics of success, budgeting, and resource allocations are planned for Spring 2022.
- ✓ An Administrative Review Steering Committee was formed in Fall 2021 with representatives from Academic Affairs, Business and Administrative Services, Student Affairs, and University Advancement. A convening will be held in January 2022 to launch the formal continuous improvement process.

### ***What is WSCUC's updated policy regarding distance education?***

WSCUC considers a distance education course to be one in which 50% or more of the instruction and interaction occurs using one or more of the technologies included in the definition of distance education (e.g., fully online, hybrid, or ITV modalities), with the faculty and students being physically separate. On October 11, 2021, WSCUC communicated updated guidance regarding the definition of a distance education program: the 50% threshold pertains to the entire set of units a student undertakes to complete the degree, not just the major portion of undergraduate program.

### ***What is the status of requests submitted during Fall 2021 for permanent authorization for distance education?***

During the months of September and October 2021, the Office of Academic Programs received requests from 28 programs seeking permanent distance education authorization from WSCUC.

### ***What is the status of WSCUC's temporary authorization for distance education?***

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 was set to expire on December 31, 2021. However, on October 11, 2021, [WSCUC announced](#) that this temporary authorization would be extended through July 31, 2022.

## WSCUC Steering Committee

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<https://www.csub.edu/wscuc/Agendas%20and%20Notes/index.html>