WSCUC Spring '20: Campus Update #7

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD

Important Dates

- February 13, 2020 – WSCUC meeting in Berkeley, CA
- February 28, 2020 – Final decision from WSCUC

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 was accomplished in the Fall of 2019?

- ✓ WSCUC team visited the campus October 8-10, 2019
- ✓ WSCUC visiting team submitted report in December 2019
- ✓ CSUB submitted response to the team report in January 2020

What were the WSCUC visiting team's commendations and recommendations?

WSCUC policy states that "The accreditation process depends on the willingness of those who are knowledgeable about the institution, including students, faculty, members of administration, and the general public, to disclose openly and candidly, information that reveals the institution's weaknesses, areas in need of improvement, and strengths." In compliance with this policy the team's report is posted at https://www.csub.edu/wscuc/WSCUCVisitingTeamReport/index.html. A summary of the team's commendations and recommendations is presented below.

What will be accomplished during Spring of 2020?

- CSUB representatives will meet with the WSCUC in Berkeley, CA
- WSCUC will issue their final decision regarding reaffirmation

How can I learn more about the reaccreditation process?

- Follow this link: https://www.csub.edu/wscuc/

WSCUC Visiting Team Commendations

- Taking steps to improve graduation rates through several student success initiatives.
- Ensuring a coherent, holistic approach to a comprehensive university life experience, including a commitment to a culture of assessment and continuous improvement.
- Establishing a coherent approach to graduate education.
- Increasing the university's involvement and presence in the region.
- Developing the first comprehensive capital campaign, designed to strengthen and support student success.
- Exhibiting its collaborative culture, as demonstrated by its preparation for the institutional accreditation report and visit.
- Creating an inclusive, transparent process for strategic planning.

WSCUC Visiting Team Recommendations

- Further develop the capacity of institutional research to provide high quality, accurate data and analysis for use in program review, assessment, planning, student success initiatives, resource allocation, and overall institutional effectiveness.
- To foster a culture of continuous improvement, re-establish a system for completing rigorous and consistent program reviews.
- Ensure consistency, effectiveness, and quality of academic support services, including advising, tutoring, supplemental instruction, and course scheduling, to enhance student success for all students.
- Demonstrate considerable progress toward achieving the institution's goals for GI 2025 first time freshman 4-year and 6-year graduation rates.
- Through a comprehensive institutional strategy, demonstrate substantial progress toward increasing faculty and staff diversity.
- Continue the implementation of the new strategic plan by identifying key metrics of success, and aligning the plan to budget, resource allocation, and organizational structure.
- Establish the process of regular assessment of administrative units, including external reviews where appropriate, to engage in continuous improvement and ensure effectiveness.

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