

WSCUC Spring '19: Campus Update #4

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD

Important Dates

July 30, 2019	Requested documents due to WSCUC
October 8-10, 2019	WSCUC Accreditation Visit to CSUB

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 during Spring 2019?

- ✓ Institutional Report endorsed by the Academic Senate and Associated Students, Inc.
- ✓ Institutional Report submitted to WSCUC
- ✓ The Offsite Review video conference occurred between WSCUC and the President, interim Provost, and the WSCUC Steering Committee
- ✓ The Off-campus Locations Review occurred at the Antelope Valley campus
- ✓ WSCUC provided CSUB with Commendations and Lines of Inquiry

WSCUC Commendations

- Thoughtfully addressing WSCUC concerns raised during previous reviews;
- Making critical contributions to the vitality of the local community and the region;
- Outreach to K-12 and community colleges to establish robust promise programs;
- Targeting the onboarding experience through block scheduling, orientation, and “15 to Finish”;
- Developing an aggressive capital improvements program for student success;
- Creating a comprehensive system to review and assess academic programs;
- Establishing programs that meet student needs (like the food pantry) and that ensure the success of future students.

What are Lines of Inquiry?

The Lines of Inquiry are developed by the WSCUC team from the institution’s report. These are questions or issues the team discusses during the Offsite Review (OSR) that may be pursued during the visit. The team does not expect or invite a written response to these questions before the Accreditation Visit.

WSCUC Lines of Inquiry

Assessment of undergraduate and graduate student learning: The institution's progress on outcomes assessment was noted in the letter from the Interim Report Committee on February 4, 2016. The team believes assessment remains an important enduring issue today.

Student Success Initiatives: CSUB has established a Graduation Initiative Task Force (GITF) to address the GI2025 system-wide graduation rate goals. The strategies for selecting, initiating, monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of these initiatives was less clear in the institutional report.

General Education: The university has made a significant effort to improve student learning and focus on core competencies in alignment with the faculty's program learning objectives and to incorporate the WSCUC Core Competencies in their GE assessment activities.

Program Review: The three examples of program review self-studies provided in the institutional report were comprehensive, well written, and reflective. However, it appears to the team that some departments on campus have yet to complete all phases of the program review cycle. The team will want to discuss with faculty their thoughts and reflections on assessment and their views of the program review process.

Faculty Diversity: A stated goal in the previous university strategic plan was to "Extend Faculty and Academic Excellence and Diversity." The campus is tracking the diversity of faculty and staff. With a new strategic plan initiative in progress there is opportunity for budget transparency and efforts to diversify faculty.

Strategic Plan Integration: The introduction to the institutional report presented a strong, clear statement of identity and context with considerable emphasis placed on community engagement. As the institution develops a new strategic plan, the team will want to explore the plan's alignment and integration.

What will be accomplished during Summer 2019?

- Prepare answers to address questions posed for each Line of Inquiry
- Submit requested documents to WSCUC in July 2019
- Schedule requested meetings for WSCUC October 2019 campus visit

How can I participate?

Plan to attend meetings during the WSCUC campus visit on October 8 & 9, 2019.

Can I learn more about the process?

Follow this link: <https://www.csub.edu/wscuc/index.html>

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