



INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION UPDATE

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD

Spring 2022



Important Dates

January 4, 2023
March 8-10, 2023

Special Visit Institutional Report Due
WSCUC Special Visit

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 is a Special Visit?

A Special Visit is not a comprehensive evaluation of the institution; it is intended to be limited in scope, providing an opportunity for WSCUC to understand the progress made by the institution in addressing specific issues identified by the Commission.

What topics will be addressed in the Special Visit?

The WSCUC Special Visit scheduled for Spring 2023 will focus on the seven recommendations from the Commission following the reaffirmation of accreditation in March 2020.

WSCUC 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.

How is the campus preparing for the Special Visit?

The WSCUC Steering Committee has formed seven writing teams tasked with drafting sections of the Special Visit institutional report during Spring 2022. Each team will focus on one of the seven recommendations listed above. This draft will be edited over the Summer and shared with the campus for feedback in Fall 2022.

How can I learn more or get involved?

If you would like to serve on a writing team, please email Marta Ruiz at mruiz14@csb.edu. For additional information about institutional accreditation or to access the Steering Committee agendas and meeting notes, please visit [WSCUC Accreditation | California State University, Bakersfield \(csb.edu\)](https://www.wscuc.org/california-state-university-bakersfield).