

July 20, 2018

Ms. Florence Dunn
President
California Health Sciences University
120 N. Clovis Avenue
Clovis, CA 93612

Dear President Dunn:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning California Health Sciences University (CHSU) by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) at its meeting June 27-29, 2018. This action was taken after consideration of the Progress Report submitted by CHSU May 21, 2018. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with WSCUC.

In its letter dated June 30, 2017 the Commission informed CHSU of its decision to defer action following the spring 2017 Seeking Accreditation Visit 2 because WSCUC policy states that "to be reviewed for Initial Accreditation, an institution must have graduated at least one class of students." The CHSU Progress Report certified that CHSU conferred the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree on its first class of students on May 19, 2018.

Actions

1. Receive the Progress Report
2. Grant Initial Accreditation for a period of six years
3. Schedule the reaffirmation review with the Offsite Review in fall 2023 and the Accreditation Visit in spring 2024
4. Schedule the Mid-Cycle Review to begin May 1, 2021
5. Schedule a Special Visit in fall 2019 to address
 - a. Widespread faculty engagement in the assessment of student learning
 - b. Making public data about student achievement including evidence of student learning
 - c. Completion of the PharmD program review
 - d. Prioritizing and streamlining quality assurance systems and sharing information from these systems in more efficient ways
 - e. Enrollment management tools to more efficiently produce data for student recruitment
 - f. Faculty development to ensure engagement and productivity and to strengthen a sense of community

Commendations

The Commission commends CHSU in particular for the following:

1. The development of systematic and comprehensive student advising and student support services, and for the progress demonstrated in the assessment of co-curricular activities by aligning transcript data with Global Learning Outcomes.
2. The dedication of CHSU faculty and staff who, because of their commitment to the university's mission and vision, accomplished thorough and widespread progress since the last visit.

3. Expanding and strengthening the university's institutional leadership characterized by integrity, high performance, responsibility and accountability.

Recommendations

The Commission identifies the following issues for further development:

1. Further cultivate the collective awareness of and responsibility for student learning assessment by faculty, for example through their design of rubrics, analysis of assessment data, and use of those data to inform action planning. (CFR 2.4)
2. Make evidence of student achievement accessible to the public, including results from the assessment of student learning outcomes. (CFR 1.2)
3. Complete a program review of the Doctor of Pharmacy program and use review results to inform planning, budgeting, and resource allocation. (CFR 2.7)
4. Prioritize and/or consolidate the vast number of quality assurance systems in order to streamline faculty and staff efforts and provide deans and administrators with more focused information, for example, using dashboards relevant for multiple constituents. (CFR 4.1)
5. Secure and implement enrollment management tools such as a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system to provide necessary data for student recruitment. (CFR 3.4, 3.5)
6. Enhance faculty development efforts to ensure engagement and productivity and to strengthen a sense of community among faculty, for example, by creating a mentorship program for faculty new to the profession. (CFR 3.3)

In taking this action to grant Initial Accreditation, the Commission confirms that CHSU has addressed the three Core Commitments and has successfully completed the institutional review process for Initial Accreditation conducted under the 2013 Standards of Accreditation. Between this action and the time of the next review for reaffirmation, the institution is encouraged to continue its progress, particularly with respect to student learning and success.

Accreditation status is not granted retroactively. CHSU must use the following statement if it wishes to describe its accreditation status publicly:

California Health Sciences University is accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), 985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100, Alameda, CA 94501, 510.748.9001.

The accredited status of a program should not be misrepresented. The accreditation granted by WSCUC refers to the quality of the institution as a whole. Because institutional accreditation does not imply specific accreditation of any particular program at the institution, statements such as "this program is accredited" or "this degree is accredited" are incorrect and misleading. The phrase "fully accredited" is also to be avoided, since no partial accreditation is possible.

The Commission stipulates that this action encompasses the degree programs offered by CHSU at the time of this action, as listed at the end of this letter as the Consolidated List of Currently Offered Degrees. This action also encompasses off-campus sites and distance education operational at the time of the action. Any proposed new degree programs, off-campus sites, distance education, and/or changes in governance or ownership require review and approval through the Substantive Change process. Degree programs that have been included under this action may be extended to other current off-campus sites of the institution without prior Substantive Change action. Offerings at new locations may need to go through Substantive Change approval, in accordance with the requirements stated in the Substantive Change manual.

In accordance with Commission policy, a copy of this letter will be sent to the chair of CHSU governing board in one week. The Commission expects that the team report and this action letter will be posted in a readily accessible location on the CHSU website and widely distributed throughout the institution to promote further engagement and improvement and to support the institution's response to the specific issues identified in these documents. The team report and the Commission's action letter will also be posted on the WSCUC website. If the institution wishes to respond to the Commission action on its own website, WSCUC will post a link to that response on the WSCUC website.

Finally, the Commission wishes to express its appreciation for the extensive work that CHSU undertook in preparing for and supporting this accreditation review. WSCUC is committed to an accreditation process that adds value to institutions while contributing to public accountability, and we thank you for your continued support of this process. Please contact me if you have any questions about this letter or the action of the Commission.

Sincerely,



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President

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Cc: Reed Dasenbrock, Commission Chair
Wendy Duncan, ALO
John Welty, Board Chair
Members of the Seeking Accreditation Visit 2 team
Maureen A Maloney, Vice President

Attachment: Consolidated List of Currently Offered Degrees

Consolidated List of Currently Offered Degrees

Doctor of Pharmacy

Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
(effective the date of official confirmation of implementation of the program)