

January 25, 2019

Ms. Florence Dunn
President
California Health Sciences University
120 N. Clovis Ave
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 the meeting of the Executive Committee on January 14, 2019.

Action

Allow the date of Initial Accreditation, June 29, 2018, to be applied retroactively up to May 18, 2018.

Rationale

On July 25, 2018, the Office of Postsecondary Education of the US Department of Education (USDE) ruled that it would “permit the retroactive application of a date of accreditation, following an affirmative accreditation decision...” The purpose of this ruling was to provide a solution for students who graduate from institutions before Initial Accreditation is granted and risk being ineligible for future educational or “...credentialing opportunities or jobs even though they completed the program that was awarded accreditation based on the quality of the program...” during the time of their enrollment (USDE July 25, 2018 memorandum). The Commission decided to return to its practice prior to June 7, 2017 of establishing a retroactive accreditation date, where sufficient evidence warrants such an action for institutions granted Initial Accreditation.

The date stipulated in the Commission Action Letter (CAL) granting Initial Accreditation is the institution’s official date of Initial Accreditation. The accredited status of the institution should not be misunderstood or misrepresented. The retroactive application of this action covers the period of time the Commission has evidence of compliance sufficient at the level of Initial Accreditation prior to the Commission action.

The Commission stipulates that this action encompasses the degree programs offered by CHSU at the time the Commission granted Initial Accreditation, as listed at the end of that CAL dated July 20, 2018 as the Consolidated List of Currently Offered Degrees. This action also covers off-campus sites and distance education operational at the time the Commission granted Initial Accreditation.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this letter or the action of the Commission.

Sincerely,



Jamiene S. Studley
President

JSS/mam

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