

July 18, 2024

Ms. Florence Dunn
President
California Health Sciences University
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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 28, 2024. This action was taken after consideration of the report of the review team that conducted the Accreditation Visit to CHSU February 28 – March 1, 2024 using the 2013 Standards of Accreditation. The Commission also reviewed the institutional report and exhibits submitted by CHSU prior to the Offsite Review (OSR) and the supplemental materials requested by the team after the OSR. The Commission appreciated the opportunity to discuss the visit with you and your colleagues John Graneto, Interim Chief Academic Officer and Dean; Deborah Ikeda, Board of Trustees Chair; John Welty, Trustee; and Farshid Assemi, Trustee. Your comments were very helpful in informing the Commission’s deliberations. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution’s new status with WSCUC.

Actions

1. Receive the Accreditation Visit team report
2. Reaffirm accreditation for a period of six years
3. Schedule the next reaffirmation review with the Offsite Review in fall 2029 and the Accreditation Visit in spring 2030
4. Schedule an Interim Report to be submitted by March 1, 2027 to address all areas for development in this letter

Commendations

The Commission commends the institution for:

1. The deep resolve of the university community to the mission.
2. Well-designed and actualized facilities conducive to student learning and success, with special recognition of the simulation equipment.
3. The long-term commitment of the president to promoting the mission of the institution, building relations with business and hospital leaders throughout the region, and leading a culture of student success.
4. Thoughtful admissions processes designed to avoid explicit or implicit bias.

5. The development of early acceptance program agreements from Central Valley California State University (CSU) campuses.
6. The construction of a medical campus and launching CHSU's College of Medicine.
7. Use of an Enterprise Risk Management tool to identify, monitor, and mitigate key functional risks critical to prioritizing and proactively addressing items of significant risk to the institution.
8. A commitment to a holistic student support approach resulting in students expressing a sense of support from the university.

Areas for Development

The Commission requires the institution to respond to the following areas for development:

1. Develop a strategy for a data governance system that includes structures, policies, procedures, and tools. (CFR 4.3 and 4.4)
2. Create and implement institutional standards for program review & assessment processes that track the impact of program improvements. (CFR 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 2.7 and 4.4)
3. Develop concrete financial solvency mechanisms that give students, accreditors, and other stakeholders confidence that any enrollment volatility can be weathered by formal financial safety mechanisms. (CFR 3.4)
4. Operationalize and track progress on the COM's five strategic initiatives. (CFR 4.3 and 4.6)
5. Commit to strategic enrollment management that includes an alignment between the institution's marketing and recruitment at the program level oriented to identify, reach, and invite prospective students to choose CHSU. (CFR 3.4 and 4.6)
6. Expand faculty development in instructional methodologies to include team-based learning. (CFR 3.3)
7. Enhance and fund CHSU's Wellness Program for faculty, staff, and students. (CFR 2.11 and 3.3)
8. Develop structures for faculty to exercise academic leadership. (CFR 3.10)

In taking this action to reaffirm accreditation, the Commission confirmed that CHSU successfully completed the two-stage institutional review process conducted under the 2013 Standards of Accreditation. In keeping with WSCUC values, CHSU should strive for ongoing improvement with adherence to all Standards of Accreditation and their associated CFRs to foster a learning environment that continuously strives for educational excellence and operational effectiveness.

In accordance with Commission policy, a copy of this letter is being sent to the chair of CHSU's governing board. 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 California Health Sciences University 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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