

WSCUC Final Update
September 2021

I. CSUSB WSCUC Reaffirmation of Accreditation Onsite Visit: September 21 to 24, 2021

The WSCUC Review Team visited PDC on September 21, the main campus, from September 22 to 24, and met with various individuals in a series of meetings over the four-day visit. In the exit presentation, Jeb Egbert, Chair of the WSCUC Review Team, stated the following seven commendations and six recommendations.

CSUSB was commended for:

1. Making enormous and impressive strides directly addressing the identified requirements outlined in the last WASC Commission Action Letter.
2. The DEI governance model is highly inclusive and reflects a genuine commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion as part of the emerging fabric of the institution.
3. Student advisors across the university collaborate in powerful ways to consistently provide a full range of support that contributes to student success.
4. The thoughtful and intentional way in which IT and IR teams envisioned, planned, and built systems and platforms in support of student success and in response to the global pandemic.
5. Allocating resources for initiatives such as DEI, the Quarter to Semester transformation, and the development of a culture of assessment – that demonstrates the level of institutional commitment required for successful implementation of these overarching strategic goals.
6. Creating a culture of continuous improvement by breaking down siloes and working together across the university.
7. Developing a meaningful and substantive focus on student-centricity across multiple departments and programs.

CSUSB is recommended to:

1. Continue innovations that were born out of a response to the pandemic that have risen to the level of best practices.
2. Ensure improved graduation rates, which are trending in the right direction, continue to be one of the top institutional priorities.
3. Continue to develop a clear plan to optimize the Palm Desert Campus.
4. Clarify shared governance in a manner that all constituents understand and follow rules of engagement for effective, meaningful, and harmonious collaboration.
5. Continue to focus on faculty development to facilitate effective student engagement and learning in all modalities of instruction.
6. Develop talent acquisition strategies to fill staff and faculty vacancies and honor the institution's emerging commitment to DEI.

We are waiting for the final letter from the Commission.