

July 20, 2018

Shelley Berkley
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Dear Senior Provost Berkley:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Touro University California (TUC) by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) at its meeting June 27-29, 2018. This action was taken after consideration of the report of the review team that conducted the Accreditation Visit to Touro University California April 16-19, 2018. The Commission also reviewed the institutional report and exhibits submitted by Touro University California prior to the Offsite Review (OSR), the supplemental materials requested by the team after the OSR, and the institution's June 6, 2018 response to the team report. The Commission appreciated the opportunity to discuss the visit with you and your colleagues: Dr. Sarah Sweitzer, Provost and CAO, TUC; Dr. Ray Alden, Provost and CAO, TUN; and Dr. Meiling Tang, Associate VP and ALO. 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 eight years
3. Schedule the next reaffirmation review with the Offsite Review in fall 2025 and the Accreditation Visit in spring 2026
4. Schedule the Mid-Cycle Review to begin May 1, 2022
5. Schedule a Progress Report to be submitted by March 1, 2021 to address all recommendations in this Commission Action Letter

Commendations

The Commission commends Touro University California in particular for the following:

1. The culture of faculty, staff, administration, and students that reflects its core value of service learning as described in the university's mission.
2. A commitment to enhance diversity and inclusivity.
3. A profound positive impact in the local community with a focus on underserved populations.

4. The robust and authentic student-centered focus of faculty, staff and administration.
5. Excellent outcomes of student learning as demonstrated by retention, pass rates on national exams, and student employment post-graduation.

Recommendations

The Commission requires the institution to respond to the following issues:

1. Establish a Staff Council to facilitate communication between staff and administration, and improve morale. (CFR 3.2)
2. Enhance shared governance by strengthening the effectiveness of collaboration and communication between the Faculty Senate and administration. (CFR 3.2)
3. Complete the salary equity study in a timely manner, establish criteria for position classifications, and implement compensation adjustments as appropriate. (CFR 1.7, 3.1)
4. Invest in facilities and faculty development to meet the institutional goal of advancing research. (CFR 2.8, 2.9, 3.3, 3.5)
5. Establish TUC and TUN as separate, independent institutions with a dedicated full-time CEO and full-time CFO located at the California campus within five years. (CFR 3.8)
6. Establish an annual evaluation of the full-time CEO by the TUC governing board to fulfill its operations oversight, following the WSCUC guide for Institutions within Systems Governance. (CFR 3.9)

In taking this action to reaffirm accreditation, the Commission confirms that Touro University California has addressed the three Core Commitments and has successfully completed the two-stage institutional review process 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.

In accordance with Commission policy, a copy of this letter will be sent to the chair of Touro University California's governing board in one week. A copy of this letter will also be sent to the President of Touro College and University System. The Commission expects that the team report and this action letter will be posted in a readily accessible location on the Touro University California's 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 Touro University California 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
Meiling Tang, ALO
Mark Hasten, Board Chair
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