

March 6, 2024

Dr. John Reynolds
President
Los Angeles Pacific University
300 N. Lone Hill Ave, #200
San Dimas, CA 91773

Dear President Reynolds:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Los Angeles Pacific University (LAPU) by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) at its meeting February 16, 2024. This action was taken after consideration of the report of the review team that conducted the Accreditation Visit to Los Angeles Pacific University November 15-17, 2023 using the 2013 Standards of Accreditation. The Commission also reviewed the institutional report and exhibits submitted by Los Angeles Pacific University prior to the Offsite Review (OSR), the supplemental materials requested by the team after the OSR, and the institution's January 29, 2024 response to the team report. The Commission appreciated the opportunity to discuss the visit with you and your colleague Wayne Herman, Vice President and Chief Academic Officer. 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 ten years
3. Schedule the next reaffirmation review with the Offsite Review in spring 2033 and the Accreditation Visit in fall 2033
4. Schedule an Interim Report to be submitted by November 1, 2026 to address all areas for development listed in this letter.

Commendations

The Commission commends the institution for:

1. An exemplary shared understanding of how faith permeates every aspect of the institution.
2. The commitment to individualized student experiences that encompass both transformative educational interactions and attention to student well-being.
3. An exceptionally engaged, caring, and committed staff, faculty, leadership, and Board of Trustees.

Areas for Development

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

1. Strengthen financial sustainability and drive greater operating surplus through enrollment management, expense efficiency, and expansion of alternative revenue streams. (CFR 3.4)
2. Ensure operational efficiencies are sustained by formalizing and documenting policies and procedures. (CFR 3.7)
3. Continue to build capacity for data-informed decision-making to support the success of its nontraditional students. (CFRs 4.1, 4.2)

In taking this action to reaffirm accreditation, the Commission confirmed that Los Angeles Pacific University successfully completed the two-stage institutional review process conducted under the 2013 Standards of Accreditation. In keeping with WSCUC values, Los Angeles Pacific University 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 Los Angeles Pacific University's governing board. The Commission expects that the team report and this action letter will be posted in a readily accessible location on the Los Angeles Pacific University 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 Los Angeles Pacific 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,



Jamiene S. Studley
President

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Cc: Tracy Poon Tambascia, Commission Chair
Wayne Herman, ALO
Margaret Bailey, Board Chair
Members of the Accreditation Visit Team
Susan Opp, Vice President