WSCUC Reaffirmation of Accreditation:

Sharing Our Story
What Is WSCUC Accreditation?

• Accreditation is a process of external quality review which serves to assure students, parents, policymakers, the broader educational community, and the general public that an institution has met high standards of effectiveness.

• The WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) is one of seven regional accrediting agencies in the U.S. and is the accrediting body for Cal State LA.

• Every six, eight, or ten years, institutions accredited by WSCUC are reviewed to reaffirm their accreditation status.

• Cal State LA received its last reaffirmation of accreditation in March of 2011. Cal State LA is currently preparing for the next reaffirmation of accreditation review scheduled for 2019.
Why Is WSCUC Accreditation Important?

Accreditation is often sought by institutions for several reasons.

• Accreditation promotes a culture of *continuous improvement* at institutions and serves as a guide for meaningful changes to occur across policies, institutional procedures, curricula, and institutional resources.

• For institutions to receive federal funding, including funding that is dispersed to students through financial aid programs, they must be accredited by a nationally-recognized accrediting body.

• Accreditation also helps to ensure that credits and degrees are recognized for purposes of employment and transfer or admission to other institutions.
WSCUC Reaffirmation of Accreditation Timeline

FALL 2016
- completing WSCUC Self Study
- Establish Steering Committee
- Establish writing teams for essays
- WSCUC Steering Committee first meeting
- Plan for Self-Review under the WSCUC Standards: Criteria for Review (CFRs)

SPRING/SUMMER 2017
- write draft essays
  - Writing team leads complete drafts of each essay (Summer)
  - Steering Committee completes Institutional Review/Self-Study draft (Summer)

FALL 2017
- available to campus community
  - Town hall discussions/electronic feedback on essay drafts (10/17, 10/25, 10/26, 10/30)

SPRING/SUMMER 2018
- Outside Consultant review of Document
- Submit Institutional Report to WSCUC
  - June 28, 2018

FALL 2018
- Conduct Off-Site Review via Video Conference with WSCUC team
  - September 6, 2018
  - 10 Weeks

SPRING 2019
- Conduct on-site/campus visit with WSCUC team
  - February 27 – March 1, 2019
  - 6 Months
CHAPTER 6: Quality Assurance and Improvement: Program Review; Assessment; Use of Data and Evidence

Assessment at Cal State L.A.

- Outcomes (ILO's, PLO's, SLO's)
- Resources for Instruction-related Faculty Development and Assessment
- Annual Assessment and Quarter to Semester Conversion
  - Annual Assessment Report
- Current State and Future Directions of Annual Assessment
- Assessment Activities
  - GE Assessment, Core Competencies, Student Life (Career Development, Orientation etc.)
- Growth in Assessment Resources – College Assessment Coordinators, Director of Assessment
- Educational Effectiveness and Assessment Council (EEAC)
Questions about the Institutional Report?

Goal: 10 years!