

March 9, 2018

Dr. Kuoliang Lin  
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Dear President Lin:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Logos Evangelical Seminary (LES) by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) at its meeting February 14-16, 2018. This action was taken after consideration of the report of the review team that conducted the Accreditation Visit to LES October 24-26, 2017. The Commission also reviewed the institutional report and exhibits submitted by LES 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 colleague Ekron Chen, Academic Dean. 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 spring 2025 and the Accreditation Visit in fall 2025
4. Schedule the Mid-Cycle Review for May 1, 2022
5. Schedule an Interim Report to be submitted by November 1, 2020 to address progress on all recommendations in this letter with a special focus on assessment and student learning

### **Commendations**

The Commission commends LES in particular for the following:

1. Creation of an updated, beautifully designed and functional campus replete with modern technology and attractive spaces for students, faculty, and administration to pursue learning and leadership development.
2. Warm collegial relationships across the institution with a common understanding and commitment to the mission and values of LES.
3. Rapid advancement of online learning platforms at both the El Monte and Chicago campuses and development of online learning as a support to Logos degree programs

and service to students who would not otherwise have these resources available to advance their education and service to the church.

4. Development of a robust effort to accomplish strategic planning and project management in ways that stimulate forward thinking, create a sense of common purpose, and advance the institution.
5. A strong financial record and willingness to live within budget guidelines without debt.
6. Development of a comprehensive advancement program and success in procuring major gifts from donors.
7. Further development of the Logos Training Institute helping to prepare lay leaders for responsible leadership positions in the church and serving as a bridge to enrollment in Logos degree programs.

### **Recommendations**

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

1. Continue to develop what is now a middle-stage assessment plan into a robust and sustainable program review process that assesses courses, programs, and delivery modes, using appropriately disaggregated data. (CFRs 2.7, 4.3, and 4.4)
2. Continue to identify and document direct and indirect indicators of student learning to support evidence-based decision making and strategic planning. Refine rubrics so that they are quantifiable and less dependent on subjective impression. (CFRs 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, and 2.7)
3. As new degree programs and initiatives are added, continue to monitor faculty composition, size, and teaching load to insure faculty resources match institutional need. (CFRs 3.1 and 3.3)
4. While Logos' fund-raising is admirable, consider the development of other sources of revenue or ways to strengthen enrollment to achieve a more long-term sustainable financial model. (CFR 3.4)
5. Continue to pay attention to the changing environment of theological education, especially in the context of the Chinese church both here and abroad, so that appropriate adaptations can be made to support the mission and sustainability of the institution. (CFRs 4.6 and 4.7)

In taking this action to reaffirm accreditation, the Commission confirms that Logos Evangelical Seminary 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 Logos Evangelical Seminary's governing board in one week. The Commission expects that the team report and this action letter will be posted in a readily accessible location on the Logos Evangelical Seminary 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 Logos Evangelical Seminary 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  
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