

March 9, 2018

Dr. Robert Brower
President
Point Loma Nazarene University
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Dear President Brower:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU) 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 Point Loma Nazarene University October 9-12, 2017. The Commission also reviewed the institutional report and exhibits submitted by Point Loma Nazarene University 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. 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 2027 and the Accreditation Visit in fall 2027
4. Schedule the Mid-Cycle Review for May 1, 2023
5. Schedule a Progress Report to be submitted by November 1, 2022 to address the recommendations in this letter

Commendations

The Commission commends Point Loma Nazarene University in particular for the following:

1. The institution's commitment to and articulation of its mission exemplified throughout the visit by faculty, staff, administration and students.
2. The progress that has been made in courageously restructuring the Board of Trustees to achieve independence to better address the strategic needs of the institution in the 21st century.
3. The leadership of the institution, under the direction of President Brower and Provost Fulcher, for its strategic, transparent, and inclusive direction.
4. Critically and collaboratively reviewing its financial forecasts in light of the changing financial landscape of higher education and for developing a strategy to

- respond to these challenges, which has led to strengthening of its financial viability. These initiatives included expanding its traditional undergraduate population, engaging in a collaborative and comprehensive campus-wide cost prioritization process and a strategic enrollment planning process, and identifying significant revenue from new academic programs.
5. Exemplifying strong faculty shared governance in institutional decision-making.
 6. The creation of a Diversity Council with student representation, and intentionally creating student growth and support opportunities related to inclusion and diversity.
 7. Its robust assessment efforts, including establishing an Office of Institutional Research, providing for the extensive use of data by faculty, staff, and administrators for student success efforts and institutional decision-making.

Recommendations

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

1. Continue to apply its collective energy toward expanding the institution's culture of inclusion across the campus (students, staff, faculty, administration, and Board). (CFRs 1.4 and 4.6)
2. Continue to enhance onboarding and provide professional development for adjunct faculty, particularly within graduate and adult degree completion programs. (CFR 3.3)
3. Continue to examine faculty policies and resources, including the new rank and tenure policy, to support scholarship and development to ensure faculty success. (CFRs 2.8 and 2.9).

In taking this action to reaffirm accreditation, the Commission confirms that Point Loma Nazarene University 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 Point Loma Nazarene University'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 Point Loma Nazarene 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 Point Loma Nazarene 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,



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President

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