

July 12, 2021

Dr. Thomas Brophy
President
California Institute for Human Science
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Dear Dr. Brophy:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning California Institute for Human Science (CIHS) by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) at its meeting June 25, 2021. This action was taken after consideration of the report of the review team that conducted the Seeking Accreditation Visit 3 to CIHS May 6, 2021. The Commission also reviewed the institutional report and exhibits submitted by CIHS prior to the Seeking Accreditation Visit 3 and the institution's June 3, 2021 response to the team report. The Commission appreciated the opportunity to discuss the visit with you and your colleagues Richard Jelusich, Board Chair; William Howe, Dean of Academic Affairs; Joel Pilco, Dean of Admissions and Enrollment Planning; Sean Esbjorn-Hargens, Dean of Integral Education; Nick Bustos, Dean of Student Life; and Wanda Nitsch, Director of Outcomes Assessment. 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 Seeking Accreditation Visit 3 team report
2. Grant Initial Accreditation for a period of six years
3. Allow the date of Initial Accreditation to be applied retroactively to May 6, 2021
4. Schedule the next reaffirmation review with the Offsite Review in fall 2026 and the Accreditation Visit in spring 2027
5. Schedule an Interim Report to be submitted by March 1, 2024 to address all the recommendations in this letter.

The Commission commends CIHS in particular for the following:

1. Embracing the opportunity for self-reflection and continuous improvement through the process of seeking accreditation, resulting in the establishment of a broad set of supportive processes and a clear student outcome focus.
2. Meaningful engagement and active participation of the Faculty Senate and Student Advisory Senate in shared governance and quality assurance processes.

3. Demonstrating a commitment to and enthusiastic engagement with the process of accreditation, specifically by nurturing a culture of assessment supported by systems and processes to engage stakeholders in decision-making and the assessment of student learning.

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

1. Further enhance the institution's scholarly graduate culture through promotion of and support for research. (CFR 2.2b)
2. Complete the academic program review cycle to include review of all program learning outcomes in each program and document how feedback from external reviews is addressed. (CFR 4.5)
3. Ensure that results of quality assurance processes (e.g., program reviews) align with and advise the budget and strategic plan processes at the institution level. (CFR 4.6)
4. Develop and implement a plan for quality assurance in non-academic programs. (CFR 2.13)
5. Continue to address educational challenges by implementing program innovations that focus on producing high-quality instruction in a fiscally responsible manner (CFRs 3.4 and 4.7)

In taking this action to grant Initial Accreditation, the Commission confirmed that CIHS addressed the three Core Commitments and successfully completed the institutional review process for Initial Accreditation conducted under the 2013 Standards of Accreditation. In keeping with WSCUC values, CIHS 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.

CIHS must use the following statement if it wishes to describe its accreditation status publicly:

California Institute for Human Science is accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), 1001 Marina Village Parkway, Suite 402, Alameda, CA 94501, 510.748.9001.

Federal law requires that the WSCUC address and phone number appear in your catalog.

The accredited status of a program should not be misrepresented. The accreditation granted by WSCUC refers to the quality of the institution as a whole. Because institutional accreditation does not imply specific accreditation of any particular program at the institution, statements such as “this program is accredited” or “this degree is

accredited” are incorrect and misleading. The phrase “fully accredited” is also to be avoided, since no partial accreditation is possible.

The Commission stipulated that this action encompassed the degrees offered by CIHS at the time of this action, as listed at the end of this letter as the Consolidated List of Currently Offered Degrees. Any proposed new degree programs, off-campus sites, online offerings, and/or changes in governance or ownership require review and approval through the Substantive Change process. Degree programs reviewed and included under this action may be extended to other currently approved campuses of the institution without prior Substantive Change action. Offerings at new locations may need to go through Substantive Change approval, in accordance with the requirements stated in the Substantive Change manual.

In accordance with Commission policy, a copy of this letter is being sent to the chair of CIHS’s governing board. The Commission expects that the team report and this action letter will be posted in a readily accessible location on the CIHS’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 CIHS 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,



Jamienne S. Studley
President

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Cc: Phillip Doolittle, Commission Chair
Richard Jelusich, Board Chair
Members of the Seeking Accreditation Visit 3 team
Susan Opp, Vice President

Attachment: Consolidated List of Currently Offered Degrees

Consolidated List of Currently Offered Degrees
California Institute for Human Science

1. Bachelor of Arts, Integral Studies
2. Master of Arts, Integral Health
3. Master of Arts, Psychology
4. Master of Arts, Comparative Religion and Philosophy
5. Doctor of Philosophy, Integral Health
6. Doctor of Philosophy, Psychology
7. Doctor of Philosophy, Comparative Religion and Philosophy