

July 20, 2018

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Dear Vice Chancellor Shukla:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Amity University Uttar Pradesh (AUUP) by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) at its meeting June 27-29, 2018. This action was taken after consideration of the report of the review team that conducted the Special Visit to AUUP March 26-29, 2018. The Commission also reviewed the institutional report and exhibits submitted by AUUP prior to the Special Visit and the institution's May 24, 2018 response to the team report. The Commission appreciated the opportunity to discuss the visit with you and Aseem Chauhan, President, Ritnand Balved Education Foundation. 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 Special Visit team report that focused on: (1) governing board; (2) diversity; (3) administrative structure; (4) decision-making processes; (5) library; and (6) strategic planning, with a visit to all four campuses accredited by WSCUC and special attention to the Dubai campus
2. Continue with the previously scheduled reaffirmation review with the Offsite Review in fall 2021 and the Accreditation Visit in spring 2022
3. Continue with the previously scheduled Mid-Cycle Review to begin May 1, 2019

Commendations

The Commission commends AUUP in particular for the following:

1. The university's efforts to collect data and disaggregate them based on different aspects of diversity with significant progress demonstrated in each area.
2. The respect each of the four campuses exhibits for the differences among the populations served within each geographic area, while at the same time demonstrating support and alignment to the collective vision, mission, and purpose of the university as a whole.
3. AUUP's response to the Commission's recommendation regarding its administrative structures by appointing a new accreditation liaison officer, and by creating additional

pro vice chancellor positions to assist the vice chancellor in the leadership and administration of the university. The university should fill the open pro vice chancellor's position as soon as possible.

4. The university's response to the Commission's recommendations regarding the library by increasing its holdings while bench marking with similar institutions in India and the United States. This effort should be continued with further refinement of its comparative set of institutions and discrete goals for achieving parity.

Recommendations

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

1. **Pre-visit Preparation** — The institution's lack of responsiveness to pre-visit requirements needs improvement for the upcoming reaffirmation visit with greater punctuality and responsiveness to team requests. (CFR 1.8)
2. **Governing Board** — While the Commission recognizes the response of the university to the issue of creating functional committees of the governing board and by recognizing the need to increase the gender of the membership, it recommends that the university continue to review the policies regarding the selection of board members, paying particular attention to the issue of gender diversity. (CFRs 1.4, 3.9)
3. **Diversity** — The Commission recognizes the university's progress in collecting and disaggregating data based on different aspects of diversity. As additional data on income, racial, ethnic, and economic data are collected, the Commission recommends that the institution continue its efforts in data collection and analysis and review resources for financial aid for low-income students. (CFR 1.4)
4. **Decision-making Processes** — While the Commission recognizes the university's progress in clarifying and simplifying its decision-making processes, it recommends that the levels of authority at each level of the committee structures — i.e., program, institution, domain, campus, and university — be clarified and that the university evaluate the effectiveness of the recent changes made in the committee restructuring. (CFR 3.7)
5. **Strategic Planning** — The university has fully embraced its strategic plan. The Commission recommends, moving forward, that the institution assess its progress for each strategic initiative, and document outcomes on a campus site basis, to establish the commitment for each campus stakeholder. (CFRs 4.3, 4.7)

In accordance with Commission policy, a copy of this letter will be sent to the chair of AUUP's governing board in one week. A copy of this letter will also be sent to the Chancellor of AUUP. The Commission expects that the team report and this action letter will be posted in a readily accessible location on the AUUP 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 AUUP 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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