

July 20, 2018

Dr. James Belcher
President
Providence Christian College
1539 E. Howard Street
Pasadena, CA 91104

Dear President Belcher:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Providence Christian College (ProvCC) by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) at its meeting June 28, 2018. This action was taken after consideration of the report of the review team that conducted the Accreditation Visit to Providence Christian College March 7-9, 2018. The Commission also reviewed the institutional report and exhibits submitted by Providence Christian College prior to the Offsite Review (OSR), the supplemental materials requested by the team after the OSR, and the institution's May 22, 2018 response to the team report. The Commission appreciated the opportunity to discuss the visit with you and your colleagues: Dr. David Corbin, Vice President Academic Affairs; and Dawn Dirksen, Vice President and Interim ALO. 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 six years
3. Schedule the next reaffirmation review with the Offsite Review in fall 2023 and the Accreditation Visit in spring 2024
4. Schedule the Mid-Cycle Review to begin May 1, 2021
5. Schedule an Interim Report to be submitted by March 1, 2020 to address all recommendations in this Commission Action Letter

Commendations

The Commission commends Providence Christian College in particular for the following:

1. For your continued demonstration of a clear vision of PCC's mission, philosophy, and priorities.
2. For your continued building of needed leadership and infrastructure. In particular, the team applauds Providence's hiring of a new president and a vice president of academic affairs and its reorganization of the faculty committee structure to improve accountability and clarity of responsibility.

3. For your willingness to respond to existing institutional limitations by seeking paid and unpaid advisers across various domains.
4. For your integrated approach to student services. This emphasis includes, but is not limited to, establishing the Academic Resource Center (ARC) and hiring a full-time director, developing a part-time position for a Student Success and Career Counselor, and hiring a Writing Center Director.
5. For beginning to employ data-based decision-making, including examination of persistence and retention rates and direct assessment of student learning in your capstone course.

Recommendations

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

1. Ensuring fiscal stability by implementing Providence's three-year budgetary plan. (CFR 3.4)
2. Developing and implementing strategies to increase net tuition revenue (e.g., reducing the tuition-discount rate). (CFR 3.4)
3. Continuing to expand institutional research capacity and develop and implement an integrated data collection and analysis plan. (CFR 1.2; CFR 2.7; CFR 2.10; CFR 4.1; CFR 4.2)
4. Substantially enhancing direct assessment of student learning and achievement across courses, curricular and co-curricular programs, and institutional learning outcomes. (CFR 1.2; CFR 2.11; CFR 2.4; CFR 2.10; CFR 4.1; CFR 4.3)

In taking this action to reaffirm accreditation, the Commission confirms that Providence Christian College 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 Providence Christian College'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 Providence Christian College'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 Providence Christian College 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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