

June 30, 2017

Dr. Yoram Neumann
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Dear Chancellor Neumann:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Touro University Worldwide (TUW) by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) at its meeting June 21-23, 2017. This action was taken after consideration of the report of the review team that conducted the Accreditation Visit to Touro University Worldwide April 24-27, 2017. The Commission also reviewed the institutional report and exhibits submitted by Touro University Worldwide prior to the Offsite Review (OSR), the supplemental materials requested by the team after the OSR, and the institution's May 30, 2017 response to the team report. The Commission appreciated the opportunity to discuss the visit with you and your colleague Dr. Edith Neumann, Provost. 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 fall 2024 and the Accreditation Visit in spring 2025
4. Schedule the Mid-Cycle Review in spring 2021
5. Schedule a Special Visit in spring 2018 to address the organizational and governance issues identified in the recommendations

Commendations

The Commission commends Touro University Worldwide in particular for the following:

1. The work of TUW personnel in providing a receptive, welcoming, and responsive environment in which to conduct the visit.
2. Its robust academic culture with a strong commitment to continuous improvement and mission alignment, evidenced by:
 - a. The connection of the Robust Learning Model to the elements of educational effectiveness;
 - b. A significant commitment to living its educational values and implementing programs reflecting those values;
 - c. Bringing full-time and contingent faculty together into a single academic community;
 - d. A mission commitment in sustaining Touro College Los Angeles.
3. Being a student-centered institution with a very strong commitment to students' positive educational experience.
4. The TUW Learning Management System, which affords professors of undergraduate and graduate students a high level of touch and flexibility.
5. The remarkable financial success and turnaround from 2012.

Recommendations

The Commission identifies the following issues for further development:

1. Institutional autonomy:
TUW needs to revise its organizational governance structure in a manner that conforms with WSCUC guidelines for an independent and autonomous institution. (CFR 1.5, 1.7, 3.9)
2. Strategic planning:
While there are aspects of budgeting and planning processes in place, TUW must refine and develop those processes so that they support and contribute to the achievement of overarching institutional goals. (CFRs 3.4, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.6)
3. Sustainability
Senior stakeholders from TUW and the board of trustees should institute mechanisms, processes, and principles to ensure that the institution will continue to be strong when new leadership follows their tenures. (CFR 3.7, 3.8, 3.9)

In accordance with Commission policy, a copy of this letter will be sent to the chair of Touro University Worldwide'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 Touro University Worldwide 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 Touro University Worldwide 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: William Ladusaw, Commission Chair
Edith Neumann, ALO
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