

February 26, 2020

Ms. Becca Bracy Knight
Executive Director
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Dear Executive Director Knight:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning The Broad Center (BCMSS) by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) at its meeting February 14, 2020. This action was taken after consideration of the report of the review team that conducted the Accreditation Visit to BCMSS October 15-17, 2019. The Commission also reviewed the institutional report and exhibits submitted by BCMSS prior to the Offsite Review (OSR), the supplemental materials requested by the team after the OSR, and the institution's January 2, 2020 response to the team report. The Commission appreciated the opportunity to discuss the visit with you and your colleagues Krupa Desai, Managing Director, The Broad Residency, Dominique Morris, Accreditation Liaison Officer. 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 2029 and the Accreditation Visit in fall 2029
4. Schedule the Mid-Cycle Review to begin May 1, 2025
5. Submit a Progress Report on teach out of the remaining students to be submitted by November 1, 2021

Following the October 2019 WSCUC team visit to BCMSS, WSCUC received news from BCMSS's administration that the institution will become part of the Yale School of Management and will be giving up WSCUC accreditation. The plan is to finish the current cohorts through graduation in May 2021. No new cohorts will be launched in Los Angeles in 2020; Yale may launch a similar program which will come under Yale's accreditation with the New England Commission of Higher Education. BCMSS will continue with WSCUC accreditation on the current basis until the transition is final.

The Commission commends BCMSS in particular for the following:

1. Impacting urban public education with positive results directed by residents, alumni, and collaborative partners fulfilling the mission and vision of Eli and Edythe Broad.

2. Exhibiting sincere and passionate dedication to create and implement an inclusive accreditation process that appears to be fully vested at all levels from the Board through the leadership and staff, faculty, and residents.
3. Locating, empowering, and supporting its excellent leadership team who exhibit great depth and breadth of knowledge, skills, and creative expressions among all staffing levels of the organization.
4. Designing and implementing an inclusive process for developing the most recent draft of the strategic plan that contains necessary elements to plot the future direction of BCMSS.
5. Investing in the data, research, and evaluation team who collect and provide meaningful data for review and continuous improvement.
6. Caring for the student experience from the intentional selection of candidates, purposeful curriculum, plentiful resources, and valuable supports that extend beyond the residency.

Recommendations

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

1. Develop the onboarding of external faculty for mission, teaching, and assessment of the curriculum, including the foundations of diversity, equity, and inclusion. (CFR 3.3)
2. Clearly define and support the roles of faculty to include curriculum ownership, institutional service, and scholarly engagement with the broader education environments. (CFR 2.8)
3. Continue to explore diverse funding streams and external partnerships to ensure long-term institutional viability. (CFR 3.4)

In taking this action to reaffirm accreditation, the Commission confirms that BCMSS has addressed the three Core Commitments and has successfully completed the two-stage institutional review process conducted under the 2013 Standards of Accreditation. In keeping with WSCUC values, BCMSS 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.

In accordance with Commission policy, a copy of this letter will be sent to the chair of BCMSS's governing board. The Commission expects that the team report and this action letter will be posted in a readily accessible location on the BCMSS'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 BCMSS 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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Dominique Morris, ALO
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Members of the Accreditation Visit team
Richard Osborn, Retired Vice President, Staff Liaison at time of visit
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