



July 18, 2024

Dr. Jeff Bellantoni
Interim CEO/CAO
Woodbury University
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Dear CEO Bellantoni:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Woodbury University (WoodU) by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) at its meeting June 28, 2024. This action was taken after consideration of the report of the review team that conducted the Accreditation Visit to Woodbury University February 28 – March 1, 2024 using the 2013 Standards of Accreditation. The Commission also reviewed the institutional report and exhibits submitted by Woodbury University prior to the Offsite Review (OSR) and the supplemental materials requested by the team after the OSR. The Commission appreciated the opportunity to discuss the visit with you and your colleagues Barry Ryan, former President and CEO, Woodbury University; Michele Starkey, former Senior VP, Academic Affairs, Woodbury University; Krista Newkirk, President, University of Redlands; Adrienne McCormick, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Redlands; Heather Lambeth, Director of Institutional Effectiveness, University of Redlands; and the effective date of the institution's new status with WSCUC.

Procedural History

5. Continue with the previously scheduled Special Visit in spring 2025 to address requirements set by the Commission in April 2024 and requirements from this reaffirmation review as follows:
 - a. employ an appropriate number of faculty members with the relevant qualifications to teach the programs at both Woodbury and Redlands. (CFRs 2.5, 3.1, and 3.2)
 - b. provide evidence of sustainable funding to support the operations of Woodbury while under Redlands' control that anticipates possible costs that may be imposed by external parties. (CFRs 3.4 and 3.5)
 - c. apply an effective faculty-led review process to determine the quality, viability, and staffing levels of academic programs at Redlands during the integration process with Woodbury University. (CFRs 2.6, 3.1, 4.1, and 4.5)
 - d. provide evidence of the implementation of the shared services agreement between Woodbury and Redlands and its impact on Woodbury's operations and academic programs. (CFR 3.5)
 - e. dedicate adequate academic and financial resources to secure teach-out plans for Woodbury University in the case that unfavorable scenarios prevent the integration of the two institutions. (CFR 3.4 & WSCUC Teach-Out Plans and Agreements Policy)
 - f. enhance student support areas where there is low institutional capacity but high student need, especially to facilitate the curricular and post-graduate success of neurodivergent students. (CFRs 2.11 and 2.13)
 - g. continue to embed systematic assessment and program review into the institutional culture in a way that is sustainable and usable. (CFRs 2.7, 2.10, 4.3, 4.4, and 4.5)
 - h. create and sustain regular conversations between campus constituents and the governing board to ensure shared understanding of the integration process. (CFRs 2.7, 2.10, 4.3, 4.4, and 4.5)

A Formal Notice of Concern provides notice to the institution that, while it currently meets WSCUC Standards, it is in danger of being found out of compliance with one or more Standards if current trends or findings continue. Institutions issued a Formal Notice

and their associated CFRs to foster a learning environment that continuously