COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

WASC SENIOR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY COMMISSION (WSCUC)

In accordance with the *2019 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures, Paragraph 39*, this summary describes the formal status of an accrediting organization in relation to recognition by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

Profile of Accrediting Organization

Type of Accreditor: Institutional

Number of Institutions: 201

Current CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation

Institutions of higher education in the US and internationally that offer the baccalaureate degree or above. (2020)

CHEA Recognition Information

History: Recognized by CHEA in January 2003

Most Recent Recognition Action

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, January 27, 2014

Decision: Grant recognition with a report due within 18 months

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). The review was based on the six CHEA recognition standards that require an accrediting organization to show that its accreditation process advances academic quality, demonstrates accountability, encourages self-scrutiny and planning, employs fair and appropriate procedures and demonstrates ongoing review of practice, and that it possesses sufficient resources to carry out its accreditation processes (*2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures*, Paragraphs 12A-12F, pp. 5-8).

WSCUC demonstrated that it meets these standards and that its accreditation process is consistent with the quality improvement and accountability expectations that CHEA has established.

Additional Determination: WSCUC is required to submit a report that provides evidence that institutions or programs are routinely providing reliable information to the public on their performance, including student achievement as determined by the institution or program (Paragraph 12(B)(1), 2010 *CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures*).

Profile, scope and recognition information as of June 24, 2020