

Response to WASC Statement from Providence Christian College

Since the beginning of Providence Christian College, our board and administration has valued the accreditation process, worked diligently to achieve full accreditation with WASC in 2014 and have maintained this accreditation status through a number of significant institutional changes, including a campus change, COVID-19, and a complete leadership transition.

Accreditation focuses on quality assurance, institutional effectiveness, and continual improvement. We, as a college, are committed to these practices, and complete them at a level appropriate and proportional to our size. However, the visit team and WASC commission identified a number of areas for improvement. We agree with each of these recommendations and have already begun implementing changes.

Additionally, and we would argue more importantly, accreditation evaluates an institution's commitment to its mission, the delivery of an excellent education in line with that mission, and the support of students along the way. We are grateful to the WASC visit team who commended us on these areas, noting our commitment to a "high-quality educational experience, grounded in its mission" and a "campus culture of support for students." This is the core of an educational institution, and those elements were celebrated by the visit team and WASC commission.

Ultimately, accreditation is the responsibility of the president, and I am eager to work on these areas of improvement over the next couple years. We will welcome another WASC visit team to return in the spring of 2026 to check on our progress and provide guidance for continued improvement. If you are interested in reading the WASC Visit Team Report and our Response, you can access those documents on our website.

In Christo omnia nova,

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