

March 9, 2017

Dr. Neil Nedley
President
Weimar Institute
20601 West Paoli Lane
Weimar, CA 95736

Dear President Nedley:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Weimar Institute (WI) by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) at its meeting February 15-17, 2017. This action was taken after consideration of the report of the review team that conducted the Seeking Accreditation Visit 1 to Weimar Institute October 12-14, 2016. The Commission also reviewed the institutional report and exhibits submitted by Weimar Institute prior to the Seeking Accreditation Visit 1. The Commission appreciated the opportunity to discuss the visit with you and your colleague, Dr. Allen Davis, Vice-President of Academic Affairs. This action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with WSCUC.

Actions

1. Receive the Seeking Accreditation Visit 1 team report
2. Grant Candidacy for a period of five years
3. Schedule a Seeking Accreditation Visit 2 in fall 2018

Commendations

The Commission commends Weimar Institute in particular for the following:

1. **Campus community:** Weimar's administration, faculty, staff, and students evidence a high level of dedication, commitment, and unity.
2. **Mission:** Weimar Institute has a clearly articulated mission and a deep commitment to this mission at all levels of the institution including students, staff, faculty, administration, and trustees.
3. **Resources:** Weimar operates a diversified mix of programs and services to generate financial support while enhancing the student experience and furthering its educational mission.
4. **Assessment:** Weimar has completed the initial steps in assessment design and implementation, and the institution has committed to building its assessment capacity through staff participation in the WSCUC Assessment Leadership Academy and other WSCUC assessment workshops.

The Commission determined that Weimar Institute has demonstrated evidence of compliance with all Standards at a level sufficient for Candidacy, as documented below. In order to be evaluated for Initial Accreditation, the Commission determined that the institution should continue on its current path and respond specifically to the suggestions and recommendations as they are presented in the SAV 1 team report. The Seeking Accreditation Visit 2 will include a review of all Standards and CFRs.

Standard 1: Defining Institutional Purposes and Ensuring Educational Objectives

The Commission finds that Weimar Institute has demonstrated evidence of compliance with Standard 1 at a level sufficient for Candidacy.

Standard 2: Achieving Educational Objective through Core Functions

The Commission finds that Weimar Institute has demonstrated evidence of compliance with Standard 2 at a level sufficient for Candidacy.

Standard 3: Developing and Applying Resources and Organizational Structures to Ensure Quality and Sustainability

The Commission finds that Weimar Institute has demonstrated evidence of compliance with Standard 3 at a level sufficient for Candidacy.

Standard 4: Creating an Organization Committed to Quality Assurance, Institutional Learning, and Improvement

The Commission finds that Weimar Institute has demonstrated evidence of compliance with Standard 4 at a level sufficient for Candidacy.

In taking this action to grant Candidacy, the Commission confirms that Weimar Institute has met all of the WSCUC Standards at a level sufficient to grant Candidacy. The Commission has scheduled the Seeking Accreditation Visit 2 for fall 2018.

Weimar Institute must use the following statement if it wishes to describe its accreditation status publicly:

Weimar Institute has been recognized as a Candidate for Accreditation by WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), 985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100, Alameda, CA 94501, 510.748.9001. This status is a preliminary affiliation with the Commission awarded for a maximum period of five years. Candidacy is an indication that the institution is progressing toward Accreditation. Candidacy is not Accreditation and does not ensure eventual Accreditation.

Federal law requires that the WSCUC address and phone number appear in your catalog.

Institutions granted Candidacy are required to:

1. Submit an Annual Report in the format required by the Commission
2. Keep the Commission informed of any significant changes or developments, especially those that require prior approval according to the Commission's Substantive Change Policy.

Please consult the Substantive Change Manual and confer with your WSCUC liaison about any proposed new degree programs, off-campus sites, online offerings, and/or changes in governance or ownership, to determine if these matters should be approved in advance by WSCUC.

3. Pay Annual Membership Dues prorated from the date of this action. An Annual Dues statement will be sent under separate cover.

In keeping with WSCUC review protocols, the required subsequent review and Seeking Accreditation Visit 2 will focus on those issues identified in the team report as requiring further development. You are encouraged to consult with your WSCUC staff liaison as you prepare for the next visit, in order to prepare the SAV 2 report in a manner responsive to the SAV 1 team's suggestions and recommendations.

In accordance with Commission policy, a copy of this letter will be sent to the chair of Weimar Institute's governing board in one week. The Commission expects that the team report and this action letter will be 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.

Finally, the Commission wishes to express its appreciation for the extensive work that Weimar Institute 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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