

*Charge to the WSCUC¹ Steering Committee for Reaffirmation of Accreditation
November 24, 2014*

Reporting to the Provost, the WSCUC Steering Committee oversees, coordinates, and ensures successful completion of all aspects of UC Merced's reaffirmation of accreditation process.

Toward this end, the Steering Committee develops campus strategies for, and oversees the implementation and completion of, the following elements of the institutional review process for reaffirmation.

1. The campus' self-review under the WSCUC Standards. This includes summarizing findings and proposing follow-on actions, as necessary.
2. Completion of the Compliance Audit Checklist. This includes facilitating any needed revisions to policy.
3. Development of the outline of the campus' self-study, and its submission to WSCUC for staff review.
4. Development of the campus' self-study, including campus review and approval.
5. Campus preparations for both the Off-site Review (fall 2017) and Accreditation Visit (spring 2018). This includes the campus' response to questions emerging from the Off-site Review.

In keeping with the institutional nature of this work, the Steering Committee facilitates wide-spread engagement of campus stakeholders in the reaffirmation process, including faculty, lecturing faculty, staff, and students. Stakeholders will help to ask and answer questions related to three Core Commitments of Accreditation - Student Learning and Success, Quality and Improvement, and Institutional Integrity, Sustainability and Accountability – and the supporting Criteria for Review (CFR).

The Committee's work will commence in spring 2015 and conclude in spring 2018 following the campus' Accreditation Visit and the Commission's granting of reaffirmation in June 2018.

Membership

Faculty²

Nathan Monroe, SSHA, Steering Committee Chair
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¹ WASC Senior College and University Commission; formerly "WASC".

² Membership revised 3.1.2015

³ Membership revised 1.14.2015

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