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John D. Welty
President
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Dear President Welty:

On October 8-9, 2012, a visiting team conducted a site visit to review the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership at Fresno State (DPELFS). This review was mandated as a condition of the Commission's approval for CSU member institutions to offer the EdD as a stand-alone doctoral degree. All CSU institutions offering the EdD are to be reviewed in a visit five years after initiating the degree.

The visiting team based its review on the report submitted by the institution on August 13, 2012, the report from the initial visiting team on March 13, 2007, the Commission's action letter of July 27, 2007, in which certain areas of focus were identified for the newly approved program, the original substantive change application materials, the letter from WASC staff communicating the findings of the Substantive Change Committee panel action January 2007, and the institution's December 2008 report and February 2009 addendum on its progress in implementing the program.

WASC staff has reviewed the visit report and endorses the team's findings, including commending CSU Fresno for its assessment plan; its responsiveness to feedback and reviews; the resources provided for faculty development; the academic support services for students; and the leadership role DPELFS plays nationally and regionally.

WASC expects that the following areas requiring further attention and development will be incorporated into the institution's self-study and report in Fall 2014:

1. Revise the dissertation rubrics to ensure that minimum expectations are made explicit and that all students meet those expectations (CFRs 2.4-2.6).
2. Develop a singular conceptual framework for learning that builds on the efforts to date (CFRs 2.3, 4.2).
3. Strive to achieve a diverse faculty (CFR 1.5).

4. Monitor the capacity of DPELFS to deliver its program without sacrificing quality while assuming a leadership role in the development of doctoral programs at two other CSUs (CFRs 3.1, 3.4).

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments about this letter.

Sincerely,



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Vice President

cc: Lynette Zelezny, ALO