

May 27, 2025

Dr. David Poole  
President  
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Dear President Poole:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning San Diego Christian College (SDCC) by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). At its meeting on May 20, 2025, the Executive Committee acted to Remove a Warning and Issue a Notice of Concern. This action was taken after consideration of the report of the Interim Report Review Committee using the 2023 Standards of Accreditation as well as the Interim Report submitted by SDCC. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's status with WSCUC.

### **Procedural History**

In a letter dated July 14, 2023, after the spring 2023 special visit, the Commission acted to withdraw SDCC's accreditation because the institution had been continuously on sanction for a period of four years with no further extension of accreditation available under WSCUC policies. The action was subject to appeal. By letter of July 25, 2023, SDCC submitted a Notice of Intent to Appeal the Commission's Action. On September 22, 2023, SDCC submitted a request for the Commission to consider new evidence and the basis for that request. The New Evidence Panel directed the new evidence to be submitted to the Commission. In November 2023 the Commission accepted SDCC's evidence of compliance with CFRs 2.10, 2.13, and 3.8, and found that while SDCC was not in compliance with CFR 3.4, the evidence demonstrated that there was a sufficient basis to grant SDCC a good cause extension of accreditation.

A Special Visit was scheduled for spring 2024 to review the institution's compliance with Standard 3, specifically CFR 3.4. By letter on July 18, 2024, the Commission acted to:

- a. Remove the Order to Show Cause
- b. Issue a Warning
- c. Grant a good cause extension and
- d. Schedule an Interim Report to be submitted by March 1, 2025, to provide an update on financial sustainability.

### **Actions**

1. Receive the Interim Report Review
2. Remove a Warning

3. Issue a Notice of Concern
4. Schedule a reaffirmation with the Offsite Review in spring 2026 and the Accreditation Visit in fall 2026.

### **Commendations**

The Commission commends the institution for:

1. Forming a new leadership team, Board of Trustees, and external community stakeholders who are committed to supporting the vision and mission of the college and providing strong focus on enrollment growth and long-term viability.
2. Progress in budget planning and a positive short-term fiscal outlook for the institution.

### **Notice of Concern**

The Commission issues a Notice of Concern when it determines that an institution is currently meeting WSCUC Standards but is in danger of being found out of compliance with one or more Standards if current trends continue. A Notice of Concern may also be issued when a sanction is removed because while the institution is found to be meeting Standards it continues to be in danger of being found out of compliance. When a Notice of Concern is issued, the institution typically will have a Special Visit within four years to assess its progress. A Notice of Concern is public information and is posted on the WSCUC website. If the Commission's concerns are not addressed by the time of the next interaction with WSCUC, a sanction may be imposed.

### **Standards at Risk of Non-Compliance and Requiring a Response**

1. Standard 3 and CFR 3.4:

The institution has made progress in budget planning for a positive short-term fiscal outlook and has come into compliance with the standards. However, SDCC must continue to make progress in the areas of enrollment and revenue planning to meet long-term financial sustainability goals.

### **Areas for Development**

The Commission requires the institution to respond to the following areas for development:

1. Demonstrate progress on enrollment and budget planning for short- and long-term fiscal sustainability.

## Next Steps

In accordance with Commission policy, a copy of this letter is being sent to the chair of SDCC governing board. The Commission expects that the team report and this action letter will be posted in a readily accessible location on SDCC website and 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. The team report and the Commission's action letter will also be posted on the WSCUC website. If the institution wishes to respond to the Commission action on its own website, WSCUC will post a link to that response on the WSCUC website.

Finally, the Commission wishes to express its appreciation for the extensive work that SDCC 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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Cc: Tracy Poon Tambascia, Commission Chair  
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