

February 27, 2026

Dr. Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval
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Dear President Jiménez-Sandoval:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning California State University, Fresno (CSU Fresno) by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) at its meeting February 13, 2026. This action was taken after consideration of the report of the review team that conducted the Thematic Pathway for Reaffirmation (TPR) Accreditation Visit to CSU Fresno October 8-10, 2025 using the 2023 Standards of Accreditation. The Commission also reviewed the institutional report and exhibits submitted by CSU Fresno prior to the Accreditation Visit, and the institution's November 28, 2025 response to the team report. The Commission appreciated the opportunity to discuss the visit with you and your colleagues Alam Hasson, Vice Provost, Doug Fraleigh, Professor, Xuanning Fu, Provost, Matt Hawkins, Vice President for Administration, and George Still, Associate Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness. Your comments were very helpful in informing the Commission's deliberations. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with WSCUC.

Actions

1. Receive the Accreditation Visit team report
2. Reaffirm accreditation for a period of ten years
3. Schedule the next reaffirmation review with the Offsite Review in spring 2035 and the Accreditation Visit in fall 2035
4. Schedule an Interim Report to be submitted by March 1, 2028 to address:
 - a. Developing a multi-year budget including engaging faculty and staff in contingency planning and aligning budget planning and management to the university strategic plan.
 - b. Connecting current students to resources available on campus.
 - c. Improving data collection for student participation in HIPs to inform actions towards meeting university goals.
 - d. More fully integrating post-baccalaureate education into what it means to be the "Flagship of the Central Valley."

Commendations

The Commission commends the institution for the following:

1. The commitment and entrepreneurial spirit of the staff and faculty in moving the institution forward despite financial and other exigencies.
2. Extending their reach and service to the broader region through partnership with community colleges and high schools.
3. Harnessing athletics as a tool for engagement and fostering a deep sense of pride and connection to the community.
4. Having a multi-generational transformational impact on the social mobility of its graduates.

Areas for Development

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

1. Develop a multi-year budget that reflects how the institution plans to minimize the impact of adverse financial conditions, including but not limited to volatility in enrollment and diminishing government support, while needing to continue to invest in reinforcing student success and deferred maintenance. As part of this:
 - a. Engage faculty and staff in contingency planning as part of the process; (CFR 3.11, 4.8)
 - b. Align budget planning and management to the university strategic plan. (CFR 3.4)
2. More effectively connect current students to resources available on campus. (CFR 2.13)
3. Improve data collection for student participation in HIPs, as well as other co-curricular and extra-curricular experiences, to inform actions towards meeting university goals. (CFR 4.2, 4.3)
4. More fully integrate post-baccalaureate education into what it means to be the “Flagship of the Central Valley.” (CFR 1.1)

In taking this action to reaffirm accreditation, the Commission confirmed that CSU Fresno completed the Thematic Pathway for Reaffirmation institutional review process conducted under the 2023 Standards of Accreditation. In keeping with WSCUC values, CSU Fresno should strive for ongoing improvement with adherence to all Standards of Accreditation and their associated CFRs to foster a learning environment that continuously strives for educational excellence and operational effectiveness.

In accordance with Commission policy, a copy of this letter is being sent to the chair of CSU Fresno’s governing board. A copy of this letter is also being sent to Chancellor Garcia, California State University. The Commission expects that the team report and this action letter will be posted in a readily accessible location on the CSU Fresno’s 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 CSU Fresno undertook in preparing for the 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Toyoda', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

A. Maria Toyoda
President

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Cc: Tracy Poon Tambascia, Commission Chair
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