

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PROVOST & EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR

Site visit by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) October 24-26, 2018

To the UCR Community:

The University of California, Riverside is hosting a site visit by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) on October 24-26, 2018 in order to renew our accreditation. UCR's status as an accredited institution signals to others the high quality of our educational programs and makes our campus and students eligible for federal (and sometimes state) grants and loans.

It is vitally important that as many community members as possible meet with the WSCUC Team to provide an accurate picture of UCR and ensure that the Team's report is based on broad campus representation. Therefore, the WSCUC Team will hold the following open meetings with students, staff, and faculty to provide an opportunity for informal input from all members of the campus community about their experiences at UCR:

Staff: October 25, 9:00-9:55 AM, INTS 1113

Faculty: October 25, 11:00-11:55 AM, INTS 1113

Students: October 25, 2:00-2:55 PM, INTS 1113

There will also be an opportunity to hear feedback from the WSCUC Team at the end of the visit, although there will not be an opportunity for questions or comments from the campus community at that time. All are welcome to attend:

Feedback from the WSUSC Team: October 26, 11:30 AM-12:00 PM, INTS 1113

To prepare for the visit, we are hosting the following informational sessions listed below. If you plan to attend the open meetings with the WSCUC Team, or if you are scheduled for one of the closed meetings, we encourage you to attend one of these sessions:

Thursday, October 11, 3:00-3:45, INTS 1113

Wednesday, October 17, 11:00-11:45, HUB 269

Monday, October 22, 4:00-4:45, HUB 269

WSCUC understands that not everyone who may wish to participate can attend the open meetings, and has therefore established a confidential email account to give everyone the opportunity to communicate with the Team. The email account is created by a WSCUC staff member and only authorized WSCUC staff and team members have access to it. The emails are not viewed by any representative of UCR. The email account is created for our site visit only and will be closed once the WSCUC team leaves the campus. Only comments made before or during the visit will be considered as part of the review process.

To write to the WSCUC Team, please address your email to: ucr@wscuc.org

Students, in particular, are encouraged to comment on issues of academic rigor and consistency, availability of student support services, accuracy of information provided by the institution, and other matters related to the quality of the educational experience. The team is also interested in hearing from students enrolled in online courses and programs and from students at off-campus sites.

Institutional reports, on-campus interviews, open sessions, and email comments become part of the information collected and reviewed by the team. Please note that team members will not respond individually to comments provided through any of these venues, including the confidential email account. However, the input from comments, along with other forms of information, will be considered as the team undertakes its work and develops recommendations to the institution.

The team is not able to meet individually with members of the campus community, so please do not use the email account to request private appointments.

Thank you in advance for your help with this very important event for our campus.

Sincerely,

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