

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO

Reflections on the Sac State Institutional Report submitted to WASC for Reaffirmation of Accreditation during the 2016/17 cycle: A Summary

In preparing the Institutional Report, the Campus WASC Steering Committee found that Sacramento State is focused on how our mission of leadership, service, and success is impacting our students, staff, faculty, and alumni in the Sacramento region and beyond. The report highlights the areas where we have made significant progress and where we believe improvements can be made.

Our sense of community, collective engagement, and shared responsibility that fosters Hornet pride, diversity, equity, and inclusivity across all campus segments has emerged as a defining characteristic of who we are and what we strive to reflect and achieve.

We have shifted our primary focus to student success as the central pillar that guides all other campus operations and priorities. The prioritizing of student success has aligned campus initiatives and developed an environment of collaboration across divisions to support this goal. In return, students are able to see that the university is committed to an environment of continuous improvement in all the critical areas of university life:

- New classrooms and instructional buildings in a state-of-the-art campus Master Plan
- New residence halls, and greater internship and community engagement opportunities
- Increases in new faculty positions
- Greater attention to student and faculty research projects
- A quest for new degree programs that reflect the changing landscape of higher education
- Continuous assessment of student learning
- Development of strategies to measure core competencies
- The “Finish in Four” Initiative built around an innovative graduation ecosystem
- An emphasis on transformative learning, especially with the use of technology
- Development of a budget model that gives greater opportunity to align resources with student success priorities
- Greater realization of being the Capital Campus, with significant attention to Public Affairs including a new building in downtown Sacramento to strengthen ties to Federal, State and City government agencies.

These improvements, among others, have helped to reveal the institutional distinctiveness of Sacramento State, such that our graduates are proud to proclaim: Made at Sac State.

These accomplishments notwithstanding, the report recognized that the campus must continue to make improvements and drive change that positively transforms lives for the campus and the community we serve.