WSCUC Reaccreditation
In order to complete the last step of our WSCUC reaccreditation, President Virjee, Su Swarat, and I attended the WSCUC Panel Review in Berkeley, CA on Thursday, February 13th. The panel asked us questions related to the recommendations our review team had made. These are listed at the end of the Review Team report, which can be found on our WSCUC website. The questions were:

1. Cal State Fullerton has made impressive increase in your graduation rates. Why?
2. You have many student success initiatives. How do you know which ones are working? We are especially interested in the disaggregation of data.
3. Diversification of faculty. Where are you right now?
4. Student mental health. What are you doing to address this issue?

We answered these questions by discussing what we have already put in place and plans that we have for the future. We also thanked WSCUC for the recommendations as they followed what we had acknowledged in our self-study as well as indicating areas for improvement as seen by outside observers.

The WSCUC Commission met on Friday, February 14th and decided on the recommendation made from our review team and panel. They will notify us in approximately two weeks on the number of years before our next review. I will keep you updated.

Feedback about the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) Ethnic Studies resolution
We are gathering feedback about the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) Ethnic Studies resolution, passed on January 25, 2020. The Chancellor’s Office has asked us to assess how our existing campus-based cultural diversity requirements would be impacted by an ethnic studies requirement as outlined in the ASCSU Ethnic Studies resolution.

We will be providing feedback from our campus on four feedback forms, one from the Academic Senate, one from administration, one from the Ethnic Studies faculty, and one from the students. I presented information on the Ethnic Studies requirement to ASI on Tuesday, February 18th and they are gathering student input. The Chancellor’s Office has asked for feedback by February 28th on the following three ASCSU recommendations: 1) ethnic studies learning outcomes; 2) a 3-unit requirement at the lower division and an upper division “reflective element” requirement; and 3) the evaluation of courses by Ethnic Studies faculty. The form also includes an additional section to indicate potential campus impacts of the
recommendations. We will be submitting this feedback even if AB 1460 passes and an Ethnic Studies course requirement becomes law. The Chancellor’s Office will still want feedback for implementation.

**Provost Search**
The search for a new provost is progressing. Applications closed on February 15th. The search committee will convene in selection meetings and the first round of interviews will be in March. The top 3-4 candidates will move forward in the search process for on-campus interviews.

Please save the following dates for the campus open forums and candidate visits. (Locations and times to be determined.)

- Wednesday, April 22
- Friday, April 24
- Tuesday, May 5
- Friday, May 8

The [search website](#) will be updated prior to the campus visits. Please participate in this important process.

**Provost’s Social Media**

As a reminder, you can now find me on Facebook (CSUF Provost), Twitter (@csufprovost), and Instagram (csufprovost). I will be using these platforms to highlight the important work you do. You can easily access the social media sites by visiting our [website](#) and clicking on the icons on the home page.