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Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for agreeing to serve on UCLA's Accreditation Steering Committee, which will provide leadership and direction for our campus' reaffirmation of accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). In the coming months your expertise will be vital to our efforts to document our institutional capacity and educational excellence for the reaffirmation review. The Steering Committee will play an important role in ensuring that our responses to WASC build upon the widely shared academic priorities and strategic goals highlighted in our last reaffirmation of accreditation.

The specific charge of the Steering Committee includes but is not limited to the following tasks:

- Review the UCLA WSCUC reaffirmation website http://wscuc.ucla.edu/ and become familiar with the timeline, key phases and milestones associated with the WSCUC accreditation process;
- Assess the WSCUC accreditation goals and propose strategies and recommendations for our institution's response;
- Ensure that a thorough draft institutional report is produced and that it accurately reflects the current state of our campus as it relates to the reaffirmation criteria;
- Widely distribute the draft institutional report so that deans and the Academic Senate have the opportunity to provide meaningful insights; and
- Facilitate broad campus participation in the reaffirmation accreditation process.

I am very pleased that Dean and Vice Provost Patricia Turner, our Accreditation Liaison Officer, and Academic Senate Vice Chair Joseph Bristow have agreed to co-chair the Steering Committee. You will hear from them soon regarding the schedule of Steering Committee meetings. They will also be issuing a separate invitation to student representatives to join the Steering Committee.

Thank you in advance for your contributions to this effort, which is of critical importance to UCLA's academic excellence.

Sincerely,

Scott L. Waugh

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost

cc: Chancellor Gene D. Block