

MEMORANDUM

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Adrienne G. Lavine, Chair
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Dear Adrienne,

Last fall, I appointed the WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) Accreditation Steering Committee, which was co-chaired by Professors Robin Garrell and Raymond Knapp and on which you served. The appointment letter is attached for reference. That group has ably done its work in recommending three themes that we might adopt as the core of our upcoming WASC reaccreditation process. Those themes and the outline of the process we would use to pursue them are described in the attached *Draft Institutional Proposal*. Chancellor Carnesale and I agree that these themes are consistent with UCLA's overall goals and offer the opportunity to transform our institutional culture. They involve the delivery of academic programs and student learning, and they will define an important agenda for UCLA.

We now begin the vetting process. We will value the Academic Senate's comments and suggestions regarding the themes and how we can best pursue them. Please provide those reactions by February 1, 2006 so that we may meet our spring deadline to submit the final Institutional Proposal to WASC.

As I indicated in the Committee's appointment letter, we can leverage the WASC accreditation process to achieve positive outcomes for UCLA. Gaining Senate advice and support for the final Proposal we submit to WASC is an essential part of that. Thank you for your leadership in obtaining that response. Please do not hesitate to call upon Committee Co-Chairs Garrell and Knapp or Accreditation Liaison Officer Lutomirski for consultation along the way.

Sincerely,



Daniel Neuman
Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost

Enclosures

cc: Chancellor Albert Carnesale
Professor Robin L. Garrell
Professor Raymond L. Knapp
Associate Vice Chancellor Emerita Paula N. Lutomirski