WSCUC 2021 Reaffirmation of Accreditation Timeline

(Timeline created based on Parts III & IV of the Handbook and the TPR Guide)

DONE:

✓ November 2017: WSCUC contacted USD to see if we wished to partake in the new Thematic Pathway for Review (TPR) process for our upcoming reaffirmation
✓ April 2018: WSCUC provided presentation about TPR at ARC
✓ October 2018: WSCUC confirmed that USD will follow TPR as part of WSCUC’s Cohort 2
✓ Not sure: USD reviewed accreditation history, including previous recommendations from the 2010 Reaffirmation, 2012 Educational Effectiveness Review, Fall 2015 Substantive Change Review, Spring 2016 Midcycle Review, and Fall 2016 Interim Report
✓ March 2019: WSCUC VP Richard Olson came to USD to lead institutional training on TPR
✓ March 2019: USD developed/agreed on theme (Envisioning 2024) with President’s Cabinet presentation
✓ April 2019: USD’s Envisioning 2024 theme was proposed to WSCUC
✓ April 2019: ARC Conference
✓ April 2019: For self-study, USD determined membership for Steering Committee (Evidence Gatherers) for “Compliance with WSCUC Standards and Federal Requirements” spreadsheet including federal worksheets and began to meet with committee; charged committee with completion of these documents by May 2020
✓ July 2019: WSCUC approved USD’s theme and provided areas that will need to be edited for institutional report (focus on less than 5 goals and create 2021 targets)
✓ October 2019: USD determined WSCUC Executive/Writing Committee membership
✓ February 2020: For self-study, USD charged the University Assessment Committee (UAC) with completing the IEEI form and some CFRs on the “Compliance with WSCUC Standards and Federal Requirements” spreadsheet by April 2020
✓ April 2020: ARC Conference cancelled due to COVID-19; webinars scheduled instead
✓ June 2020: Self-study completed because both the for “Compliance with WSCUC Standards and Federal Requirements” spreadsheet (including federal worksheets) and the IEEI form is now done
✓ Summer 2020: Component 1 Institutional Context of institutional report is written
✓ July 2020: Based on self-study, WSCUC Executive Team identifies institutional strengths/weaknesses and actions (including who is responsible) to address them in AY 20-21
✓ August 2020: Component 2 Compliance with WSCUC Standards, IEEI Form, and Federal Requirements of institutional report is written. Evidence should have been gathered previously, but this is the time to write the short narrative.
✓ August 2020: Based on WSCUC’s July 2019 approval letter for the TPR theme and WSCUC’s request for changes, USD’s WSCUC Executive Team makes decisions regarding changes to TPR (specifically the number of strategic goals to focus on as part of the institutional report and 2021 targets)
✓ September 2020: ALO receives letter from WSCUC that focusing on Goals 1, 2, and 5 instead of 1-5 is ok for institutional report

TO DO:

• September 2020: WSCUC Executive Team to share top priorities for improvement to the campus community for AY 20-21 based on Component 2/self-study; USD begins to make improvements
• Fall 2020: Strategic Plan Goal Committees create 2021 targets for all KPIs
• January-March 2021: Component 3 Thematic Pathway for Review of institutional report is written
• April 2021: Share draft institutional report with campus community and gather responses for edits
• April 2021: Attend ARC Conference
• June 2021: Component 4 Conclusion of institutional report is written
• July 2021: Ensure links from “Compliance with WSCUC Standards and Federal Requirements” spreadsheet, federal worksheets, and IEEI form are still active by working with Marketing and Communications
• July 2021: ALO fills out “Visit Timeline Template” for WSCUC which is a more detailed timeline for the rest of the below
• July 2021: USD completes final edits to institutional report and gathers certification form with A signature from the President
• August 11, 2021: USD submits final institutional report via box.com
• Mid-August 2021: WSCUC sends institutional report to off-site review team
• September 2021: One-day video/conference call meeting with off-site reviewers and USD to discuss their findings
• September 2021: WSCUC Executive Team to share with campus community how off-site review went
• September 2021: Respond to off-site review issues
• September 2021: Preparation for on-site visit should be completed by now
• October 20-22, 2021: On-site visitors come to USD
• October 2021: Draft of on-site team report provided while they are still on campus; USD responds to on-site review issues
• October 2021: WSCUC Executive Team to share with campus community how site visit went
• November 2021: Final on-site report sent to USD
• December 2021: USD responds to any errors from final on-site report
• January 2022: WSCUC sends final on-site report + USD’s response to its Board
• February 23-24, 2022: Board meeting for Commissions’ reaffirmation decision and sends USD “action letter”; President and ALO attends meeting
• March 2022: WSCUC Executive Team to share with campus community any WSCUC recommendations from “action letter”, if applicable