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Dear campus community,

I am delighted to share that the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) has reaffirmed Cal State San Marcos's accreditation for the maximum term of 10 years, the longest period of accreditation a university can receive. Congratulations – this achievement belongs to our entire campus community!

Accreditation is very important to our university because it assures our students and our community that we are maintaining high standards of quality, certifies the validity of our degrees and is required for our students to be eligible for federal financial aid. Most importantly, this recognition affirms the strength of our institution and the clarity of our shared purpose of advancing student success and social mobility.

During the site visit in March, the visiting accreditation team met with CSUSM faculty, staff, students and administrators. Time and again, they remarked on how consistently members of our community spoke about our mission and the impact of our work. The commission also commended CSUSM for our culture of transparency and data-informed decision-making and the intentional ways we design programs and services to meet the needs of our students and our region. Thank you for sharing your stories, your insights and your unwavering commitment to our students.

This reaccreditation is the culmination of a thoughtful, multiyear effort that began in fall 2022 and included the hard work and dedication of the WSCUC Steering Committee, which devoted countless hours to understanding the accreditation standards, gathering evidence and ultimately authoring key sections of the institutional report that laid the foundation for a successful visit.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Dr. Regina Eisenbach, faculty fellow for accreditation and curriculum; Melissa Simnitt, senior strategic specialist for assessment and accreditation; Vice Provost Dr. Mary Oling-Sisay; and Provost Dr. Carl Kemnitz, whose leadership guided this effort with exceptional care and dedication. I also want to recognize the members of our steering committee for the many hours of thoughtful preparation and collaboration that made this success possible: Cameron Stevenson, Matthew Escobar, Aaron Guy, Carrick Williams, Charles De Leone, Tasos Lazarides, Yvonne Meulemans, Serhan Kotiloglu, Meshack Simati, Alison Scheer-Cohen, Adam Petersen and Alan Brian.

While we celebrate this milestone, we also embrace the commission's recommendations as opportunities to continue learning and improving. That spirit of continuous improvement has always defined CSUSM and will continue to guide us as we advance our mission in the years ahead. The report has been posted and can be viewed on the WSCUC website.

Congratulations to all and thank you for all you do to make CSUSM such an extraordinary place.

With gratitude,
Ellen J. Neufeldt
President