

At its meeting on February 16-18, 2011, the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) put Patten University on probation. Accreditation of Patten University continues during this Probation Cause period.

The Commission reviewed Patten University under its Handbook of Accreditation and found that the College was seriously out of compliance with elements of Standard 1 (Defining Institutional Purposes and Ensuring Educational Objectives), Standard 2 (Achieving Educational Objectives through Core Functions), Standard 3 (Developing and Applying Resources and Organizational Structures to Ensure Sustainability), and Standard 4 (Creating an Organization Committed to Learning and Improvement). This action was taken following a Special Visit to Patten University on September 15-17, 2010 and a review of that visiting team's report.

There will be a follow-up visit in fall 2012 to review the University's progress in addressing Commission concerns. As stated above, accreditation of Patten University continues during the probation period.

President Gary Moncher stated that Patten is committed to aggressively and swiftly addressing the concerns of the commission, and that "the commission's action has brought renewed commitment and focus to the administration, faculty and staff of the university."

The public statement on Patten University's probation is posted by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges at the following website:

<http://www.wascsenior.org/publicstatement/pattenuniversity>