

**Discussion of the 7th Year Report from
Fresno Pacific University
May 2020**

Overview

This report provides for Committee discussion of the 7th year report of Fresno Pacific University.

Staff Recommendation

There is no action required on this item. Staff recommends acceptance of the Fresno Pacific University 7th year report.

Background

An accreditation visit for the Fresno Pacific University took place on March 25-27, 2019. The accreditation status granted to the institution by the COA was **Accreditation** with a 7th Year Report. In particular, the 7th year report was to provide an update on those standards which were met with concerns. The full report is available here: [Fresno Pacific University Accreditation Report 2019](#)

Fresno Pacific University provided the 7th year report to staff on April 6, 2020. Staff has reviewed this report and provided it in its entirety as an attachment to this agenda item. The team's recommendation was as follows:

“The team further recommends that Fresno Pacific University present a 7th year report to the COA that demonstrates consistent collection, analysis, and use of candidate and completer data to inform program improvement.”

To summarize, the team found that all standards were met with the exception of one Common Standard Met with Concerns. The finding and the team rationale for the finding is included in the table below.

Standard	Finding	2019 Team Rationale
Common Standard 4: Continuous Improvement	Met with Concerns	<p>The Annual Assessment Report and Program Student Learning Outcomes Executive Analysis are often focused on degree program analysis rather than credential program analysis.</p> <p>Some program areas do not engage in analysis or interpretation of data that are directly relevant to credential programs on a regular basis.</p> <p>The AARs demonstrate some inconsistency in the collection and analysis of data.</p>

Summary of Fresno Pacific University Report

In accordance with COA action, Fresno Pacific University submitted to staff its 7th year report. Fresno Pacific University [Seventh Year Report](#) is provided on their accreditation website. The areas of concern within Common Standard 4 were recognized by the unit leadership who confirmed an awareness of the need to address these issues. The institution had already begun discussions but had not implemented all their ideas prior to the 2019 site visit. The discussions, committee work, along with collegial consensus were summarized in FPU’s 7th year report.

There were three primary concerns that the team had at the time of the visit. These concerns included:

- (1) The institution’s unit and program assessment system did not address each program individually, but rather was focused on degrees offered. This often resulted in the data for several programs being merged together so specific program issues could not be identified;
- (2) Not all the programs based their assessments on Commission standards, but on FPU’s own performance expectations, and sometimes these were difficult to correlate to the program’s standards; and
- (3) Not all the programs collected data on an annual or biennial basis.

In its 7th year report, Fresno Pacific University discussed that it addressed these issues in the following ways:

- (1) Table 1 comprehensively outlined how they have modified its assessment system to emphasize credential programs. The table is specific to each credential type.
- (2) Table 2 shows how Fresno Pacific University has modified its assessments to ensure they all align to Commission adopted teaching competencies. In addition, the Program Student Learning Outcomes Executive Analysis and/or the Annual Assessment Report now includes an analysis of practicum evaluations.

- (3) The Office of Institutional Effectiveness will monitor all evaluations and notify the School of Education of any incomplete evaluations. The Assessment Coordinator will now collaborate with program directors and faculty to ensure all candidates, instructors, and support providers fully participate in the evaluations.

After review of the submitted documentation which responded to the standard that was met with concern staff recommends acceptance of the Fresno Pacific University seventh year report.