April 16, 2013

Pradeep Kholsa
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Dear Chancellor Kholsa,

At its meeting by conference call on February 27, 2013, a panel of the Interim Report Committee convened to consider the Interim Report submitted by the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) on November 30, 2012. The panel reviewed your Interim Report and the Commission’s action letter of March 3, 2010.

The panel, joined by Stanford Provost John Etchemendy, who chaired the CPR and EER visits to UCSD, appreciated the opportunity to discuss the report with Suressh Subramani, Executive Vice Chancellor, and Barbara Sawrey, Associate Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Education. The conversation was informative and helped the panelists better understand your institution’s challenges and progress on meeting the areas cited in the Commission’s letter.

The report was exceptionally thorough in addressing the recommendations demonstrating a high level of self-reflection. The panel found that UCSD has made significant progress in areas mentioned in the Commission action letter including the assessment of student learning and program review and UCSD’s management of its finances during extremely challenging times for the state of California. The panel commends UCSD for the impressive work done since the EER visit with many initiatives on campus to improve the assessment of academic and co-curricular student learning. With all undergraduate and graduate programs having student learning outcomes in place with required annual updates, UCSD has accomplished a major achievement which will benefit students in their educational outcomes. The work of the Education Initiative and its subcommittees has been a strong asset. The panel is also encouraged by the momentum being provided by the Center for Teaching Development. The program review process is thorough and has demonstrated evidence of changes in programs which is an essential part of this process. The panel encourages UCSD to continue the momentum and progress made in the areas identified by the Commission.

The panel acted to:

1. Receive the Interim Report with commendations.

The panel, again, reaffirms the hard work and important steps UCSD has taken to address the issues cited in the Commission letter. I look forward to working with
you and wish you every success as you proceed toward the next stages of accreditation review which will be carried out under the new Institutional Review Process voted by the Commission in February 2012 to go into effect on July 1, 2013.

Sincerely,

Richard Osborn
Vice President

cc: Suresh Subramani, Executive Vice Chancellor
    Barbara Sawrey, ALO
    Members of the Interim Report Committee