

Chapter 14

Application to HLC

Request for Continued Accreditation

Colorado State University formally requests continued accreditation from The Higher Learning Commission, a Commission of the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges, based on the evidence provided in this Self-Study Report and the Evaluation Team visit.

Through this Self-Study Report, CSU has responded to the areas of concern expressed by the 1994 Evaluation Team (Chapter 3); demonstrated that it meets the General Institutional Requirements and complies with HLC policies (Chapter 4); and provided patterns of evidence showing that it meets or exceeds the five HLC criteria (Chapters 5 through 12). Through the Self-Study process, significant strengths were identified as expected and some concerns were revealed. The search for remedies for these concerns provides challenges and opportunities for the future. Each of the chapters concludes with key strengths, challenges and opportunities as identified within the context of the criterion addressed therein. The past ten years have been a time of extraordinary achievement by CSU and it is now positioned to become a great university.

Chapter 13 presents a request for change to CSU's Statement of Affiliation Status for authority for online delivery of distance degree programs. The Self-Study Report, taken as a whole, makes a case for continued accreditation and this change.

Request for Advice and Suggestions from the HLC Evaluation Team

CSU requests advice and suggestions from the HLC Evaluation Team, particularly regarding the following issues:

- Management of undergraduate enrollment growth.
- Balancing graduate education programs.
- Advancing outcomes assessment.
- Enhancing diversity progress and addressing access issues.
- Balance of resource allocations between academic programs and administrative support.
- Expanding the University's revenue base to supplement limited State revenue.

Additional background on these issues has been presented within the main body of this Self-Study Report. The administration, faculty, staff, and students of CSU look forward to the visit

by the HLC Evaluation Team and the dialogue that will take place during this time as a venue for continued institutional improvement.