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SUBJECT: Template of System-Level Information for WASC Ed.D. Substantive Change Proposals

Since June, preparations have been underway for submission of campus Ed.D. program Substantive Change Proposals to our regional accreditor, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). On July 17, a meeting was held with WASC in Oakland in which a draft Elements for the Review of New Doctoral Programs was distributed by WASC staff. The final *Elements* document has now been approved by WASC, and we have prepared the attached template as a resource for campuses that are already preparing Substantive Change proposals.

Many of the Elements for the Review of New Doctoral Programs allow a system-level response. The CSU WASC Substantive Change Template for System-Level Ed.D. Information has been prepared to be of assistance in addressing these items. It contains, highlighted in red, potential responses to elements of the WASC Substantive Change Proposal that can be addressed through system-level information. In addition, some examples from campus responses to institution-specific elements are offered. These are highlighted in blue and designated by bracketing. Campuses may incorporate or adapt, as appropriate, any of the system-level information (red). The campus-level information (blue) is intended not for incorporation but rather to provide examples for campuses as they prepare materials that are specific to their own programs.

In the end, then, the template is designed to facilitate the preparation of high quality WASC Substantive Change Proposals. Toward that goal, please let us know of any suggestions you have for enhancing its effectiveness as a resource. We hope to make it a dynamic resource that can be updated and improved, based on campuses' experiences with the WASC review of CSU independent Ed.D. programs.

As you know, the contact person in the Chancellor's Office for coordination related to campus WASC Substantive Change Committee reviews is Chris Hanson (chanson@calstate.edu). The contact persons regarding the template are Beverly Young (byoung@calstate.edu) and Joan Bissell (jbissell@calstate.edu).

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