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To: WSCUC Commission

Re: Response to the WSCUC 2020 Special Visit Team Report – Pacifica Graduate Institute

From: Joseph Cambray, Ph.D., President/CEO

Dear WSCUC Commission,

Pacifica Graduate Institute expresses its gratitude to the remote Special Visit Team for its thoughtful, thorough, and respectful engagement with us during the virtual visit in December 2020. Our community found the team professional and collaborative. As the President/CEO speaking here on behalf of the community, I affirm that discussions with the team during the visit and their subsequent report generally show an accurate understanding and portrayal of present conditions at the Institute. We appreciate the recognition of progress made in key areas since the last WSCUC visit in 2018, including our devotion of resources to secure these achievements and commitment to the accreditation process, and we are grateful for the commendations that reflect these developments. Similarly, we take to heart the current recommendations and find them in support of areas of growth and improvement that we strongly endorse and are either already in progress or soon to be.

For example, we wish to inform the commission of the strengthening of priority initiatives at Pacifica, particularly our continued work around diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). We are committed to integrating DEI considerations with each goal of our Strategic Plan so there is a clear and coordinated institutional approach to DEI. The work of our DEI Task Force continues in support of this, and we have recently had our Academic Senate take on a leadership role within the working groups of the Task Force to address DEI considerations regarding faculty, curriculum, and pedagogy. We believe this development also speaks to a strengthening of shared governance, an area of our continued focus.

While there are other areas in which progress has been made since the remote Special Visit by the WSCUC team, we will hold these at the ready and be available for discussion of them with the commission during the review process. We look forward to discussing all relevant matters with the commission in February when we are given the opportunity to meet.

Respectfully submitted,

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President/CEO, Pacifica Graduate Institute