

February 27, 2026

Dr. Mike Magee
President
Minerva University
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San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear President Magee:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Minerva University by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) at its meeting February 13, 2025. This action was taken after consideration of the report of the review team that conducted the Special Visit to Minerva University December 2-5, 2025, using the 2023 Standards of Accreditation. The Commission also reviewed the institutional report and exhibits submitted by Minerva prior to the Special Visit and the institution's January 20, 2026, response to the team report. The Commission appreciated the opportunity to discuss the visit with you and your colleagues Vicki Chandler, ALO; Diane Tavenner, Chair of the Board of Trustees; Michael Horn, Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees; Patrice McMahon, Provost; Jamina Cole King, Executive Vice President Advancement; Tina Lo, Vice President Finance and HR, D'Andre Wilson, Executive Vice President Strategy and Administration; Andy Dosmann, Dean of Faculty; and Aaron Lawry, Associate Professor of Marketing. Your comments were very helpful in informing the Commission's deliberations. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's status with WSCUC.

Actions

1. Receive the Special Visit team report that focused on five required areas: (1) financial model; (2) institutional communication and organizational culture; (3) cost of attendance; (4) library resources; and (5) natural science curriculum and laboratory experiences.
2. Reschedule the reaffirmation review with the Offsite Review in fall 2027 and the Accreditation Visit in spring 2028.

Commendations

The Commission commends the institution for:

1. Responding decisively at the Board of Trustees level to letters of concern by commissioning an independent investigation and implementing targeted executive leadership support.

2. Addressing institutional challenges with candor while implementing significant changes that maintain fidelity to the institution's core mission.
3. Restructuring the executive leadership team to strengthen strategic capacity and position the institution for operational effectiveness and sustainable long-term growth.
4. Enhancing stakeholder engagement through transparent communication and inclusive decision-making processes.
5. Improving transparency and predictability of cost of attendance for students.

Areas for Development

The Commission requires the institution to respond to the following areas for development:

1. Continue implementing and monitoring the institution's plan to strengthen its financial position, making data-informed adjustments as conditions evolve. (CFRs 3.4, 3.5)
2. Continue developing academic and operational infrastructure by formalizing policies, establishing organizational structures, and standardizing processes to support institutional maturation and operational effectiveness. (CFRs 1.4, 3.11, 4.8)

In accordance with Commission policy, a copy of this letter is being sent to the chair of Minerva's governing board. The Commission expects that the team report and this action letter will be posted in a readily accessible location on the Minerva website and widely distributed throughout the institution to promote further engagement and improvement and to support the institution's response to the specific issues identified in these documents. The team report and the Commission's action letter will also be posted on the WSCUC website. If the institution wishes to respond to the Commission action on its own website, WSCUC will post a link to that response on the WSCUC website.

Finally, the Commission wishes to express its appreciation for the extensive work that Minerva University undertook in preparing for and supporting this Special Visit review. WSCUC is committed to an accreditation process that adds value to institutions while contributing to public accountability, and we thank you for your continued support of this process. Please contact me if you have any questions about this letter or the action of the Commission.

Sincerely,



A. Maria Toyoda
President

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Cc: Tracy Poon Tambascia, Commission Chair
Vicki Chandler, ALO
Diane Tavenner, Board Chair
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