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Dear Presidents Newkirk and Bellantoni:

During its May 29, 2026 meeting, the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) considered a proposal submitted by University of Redlands (Redlands) and Woodbury University (Woodbury) for a merger of the two institutions following a Change of Control of Woodbury to Redlands in 2024, which was the first step of a two-step process in accordance with federal regulations pertaining to mergers of institutions. This change, which constitutes the second step of the process, is considered a Structural Change, defined by WSCUC Substantive Change policy as a change in mission, ownership, legal status, or control.

After deliberation, the Commission acted to:

1. Approve the proposed merger of University of Redlands and Woodbury University.
2. Schedule Progress Reports to be due in spring 2027 and spring 2028 from Redlands on actual vs. budgeted fall enrollment and impacts, and the latest audited financial statements.
3. Require a post-implementation visit within six months of implementation of the merger.
4. Accept the Interim Reports from University of Redlands and Woodbury University received in spring 2026.
5. Continue with the University of Redlands OSR in fall 2028 and AV in spring 2029.

This letter will be posted on the WSCUC website in accordance with WSCUC Commission policy. If Redlands and Woodbury would like to respond to the Commission's findings, a link to your response will be posted on the WSCUC website.

Finally, the Commission wishes to express its appreciation for Redlands and Woodbury's cooperation during this Structural Change 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 or comments about this letter or the action of the Commission.

Sincerely,



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