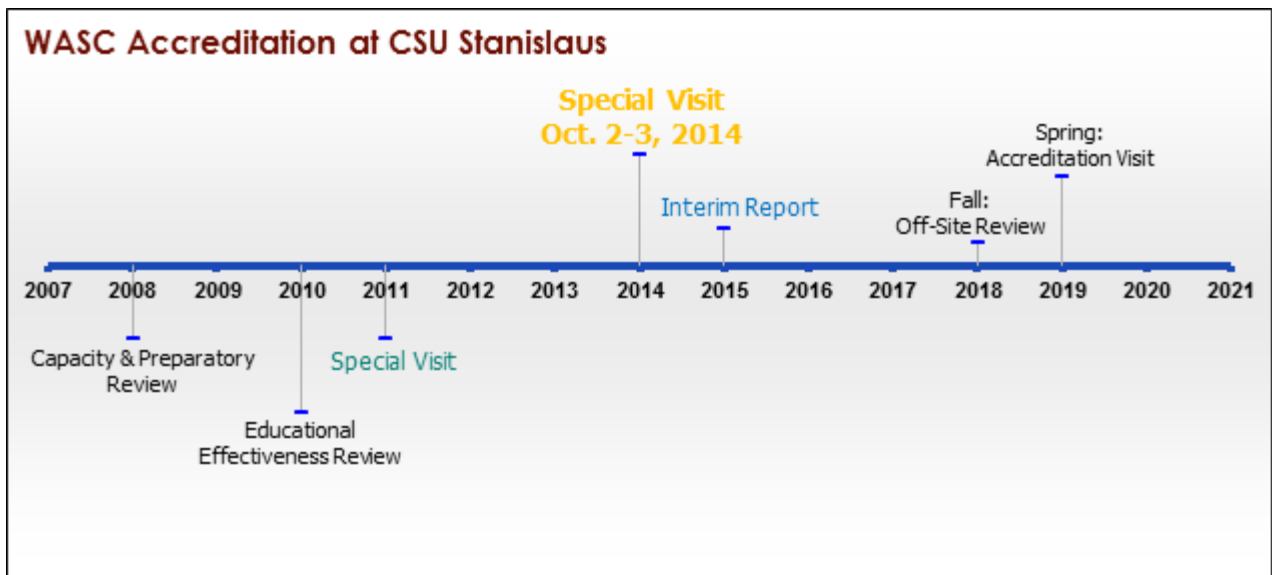


## California State University, Stanislaus Special Visit Frequently Asked Questions



### What is a Special Visit?

A Special Visit is designed to address a campus-specific issue identified in the WASC accreditation process usually due to a concern in curricular, financial, and/or governance issues. Our Special Visit is scheduled for **October 2-3, 2014**.

### Why is our campus completing a Special Visit Report?

The WASC Commission Letter (March 7, 2012) requested a Special Visit in fall 2014 to evaluate the progress in addressing "shared governance and the campus climate, as well as progress in shared roles in strategic planning and in the formulation of retention, promotion, and tenure policies." The Special Visit Report is due to WASC on August 1, 2014, and will provide our response to the issues and progress made.

### Who is involved in writing the Special Visit Report?

The Special Visit Report is being prepared with the assistance of many individuals. The Self-Study Team, comprised of three faculty members and three administrators, guide the research study and document the progress made by the University community towards the WASC Commission's recommendations. As a result of meaningful consultation between faculty governance and administration, the members of the Self-Study Team include:

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### Will there be opportunities for the campus community to review the Special Visit Report and share their comments?

Opportunities to review and share comments include:

- Visit the Special Visit 2014 website at <http://www.csustan.edu/WASC/SpecialVisit2014.html>
- Read the Special Visit Report draft to be circulated in spring 2014
- Send an email to the campus Self-Study Team [specialvisit@csustan.edu](mailto:specialvisit@csustan.edu)
- Attend a campus meeting prior to the site visit (dates to be announced)

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, STANISLAUS: SELF-STUDY TEAM  
TIMELINE FOR SPECIAL VISIT REPORT DEVELOPMENT AND SUBMISSION TO WASC**

<b>2013-14</b>	
July 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze data from Phase 2A of the research study conducted in spring 2013 (substantive actions)</li> <li>Develop survey for Phase 2B of the research study for fall 2012 (shared governance)</li> <li>Collect data for progress made in shared roles in strategic planning and retention, promotion, and tenure policies</li> <li>Outline preliminary sections of the report based on WASC template</li> <li>Meet with stakeholder groups</li> </ul>
August 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to collect data for progress made in shared roles in strategic planning and retention, promotion, and tenure</li> <li>Draft preliminary sections of the report based on outline</li> <li>Meet with stakeholder groups</li> <li>Share progress at Fall General Faculty Meeting</li> </ul>
September 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet with stakeholder groups</li> <li>Distribute survey to faculty and MPPs as part of Phase 2B of the research study</li> <li>Refine preliminary draft sections of the report</li> <li>Update campus on progress through email and website</li> </ul>
October – November 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze and draft Phase 2B research study section</li> <li>Continue to meet with stakeholder groups</li> <li>Update campus on progress through email and website</li> </ul>
December 2013 – January 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete report draft for campus review and commentary</li> <li>Continue to meet with stakeholder groups</li> <li>Update campus on progress through email and website</li> </ul>
<b>February-April 2014</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Campus review and commentary</b></li> <li><b>Continue to meet with stakeholder groups</b></li> <li><b>Update campus on progress through email and website</b></li> </ul>
May 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share final update at Spring General Faculty Meeting</li> <li>Continue to meet with stakeholder groups</li> <li>Update campus on progress through email and website</li> </ul>
June 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy-edit report</li> <li>Format report</li> <li>Plan site visit logistics</li> </ul>
July 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete report formatting</li> <li>Continue planning for site visit</li> <li>Upload Special Visit Report to WASC Box account</li> </ul>
August – September 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalize logistical planning for site visit</li> <li>Hold campus-wide meetings in preparation for site team visit</li> </ul>
<b>October 2-3, 2014</b>	<b>WASC Special Visit</b>