



# Accrediting Commission for Schools Western Association of Schools and Colleges

533 Airport Boulevard, Suite 200 • Burlingame, California 94010  
(650) 696-1060 • Fax (650) 696-1867  
mail@acsWSC.org • www.acsWSC.org

FRED VAN LEUVEN, ED.D.  
*President*

MARILYN S. GEORGE, ED.D.  
*Vice President*

## COMMISSION MEMBERS

DAMON KERBY  
*Chairperson*  
California Association of Independent  
Schools

BARRY GROVES  
*Vice Chairperson*  
Association of California School  
Administrators

THOMAS ADAMS  
California Department of Education

SAMANTHA BENISH  
California Federation of Teachers

GRANT BENNETT  
Association of California School  
Administrators

RON CARRUTH  
Association of California School  
Administrators

STEPHEN CATHERS  
East Asia Regional Council of Schools

CHAD COLDEN  
Western Catholic Educational Association

NANCY COONIS  
Western Catholic Educational Association

ERIKA CRUZ  
Pacific Islands

CHASE DAVENPORT  
Charter Schools

MITCHELL D'OLIER  
Public Member, Hawaii

ODIE DOUGLAS  
Association of California School  
Administrators

JOSEPH DUGAN  
Public Member, California

GREGORY FRANKLIN  
Association of California School  
Administrators

DAVID GAUDI  
Hawaii Association of Independent Schools

JOHN KERR  
Postsecondary Education

ANN MAHI  
Hawaii State Department of Education

MICHAEL McCOY  
Association of California School  
Administrators

DEREK MINAKAMI  
Hawaii Government Employees'  
Association

SUZANNE MULCAHY  
Hawaii State Department of Education

BARBARA NUNES  
California School Boards Association

DALE PHILLIPS  
Association of Christian Schools  
International

LAUREL SALERNO-WHITE  
California Teachers Association

MARSHA SERAFIN  
California Association of Private School  
Organizations

KIMBERLY SHIELDS  
Western Catholic Educational Association

SALLY TODD  
Western Catholic Educational Association

BERIT VON POHLE  
Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day  
Adventists

JOEL WAHLERS  
National Lutheran School Accreditation

SOPHIA WAUGH  
California Congress of Parents and  
Teachers, Inc. (PTA)

DORIS YAMASHIRO-TANAKA  
Hawaii State Teachers Association

DAVID YOSHIHARA  
Association of California School  
Administrators

July 7, 2017

Mr. Kurt Mecklem  
Middle & High School Principal, MYP Coord.  
Osaka International School of Kwansei Gakuin  
4-4-16, Onohara-Nishi  
Mino-shi, Osaka, Other 562-0032  
JP

Dear Mr. Mecklem:

The Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS WASC) announces the action taken at the Summer 2017 Commission Meeting. The ACS WASC Commissioners have determined Osaka International School of Kwansei Gakuin (PK - 12) meets the ACS WASC criteria for accreditation. This accreditation status is based on all of the information provided by the school, including the substantive change report, and the satisfactory completion of the accreditation visit.

It is the decision of the Commission to approve the substantive change and reaffirm the accreditation status for Osaka International School of Kwansei Gakuin (PK - 12) through June 30, 2018.

Accreditation status is conditioned upon Osaka International School of Kwansei Gakuin's continued adherence with the ACS WASC policies, procedures, and criteria for accreditation. This includes a requirement that an accredited school annually contribute members to participate on visiting committees. Failure to maintain compliance with said policies, procedures, and standards is grounds for modification and/or withdrawal of the accreditation.

The Commission looks forward to Osaka International School of Kwansei Gakuin's anticipated success and continuing improvement in keeping with ACS WASC's pursuit of excellence in elementary, secondary, and adult education.

Sincerely,

Damon Kerby  
Commission Chairperson

cc: Chairperson