Appendix A

WASC Acronyms Key

APEE - *(Office of Academic Planning and Educational Effectiveness)*
AAC&U - *(American Association of Colleges and Universities)*
AERM - *(American Ethnic and Racial Minorities)* A course category in General Education at SF State.
BATTI - *(Bay Area Teacher Training Institute)*
BATC - *(Bay Area Teachers Center)*
CPR - *(Capacity/Preparatory Review)* The second stage of the WASC review, which focuses on infrastructure issues.
COR - *(Career Opportunities in Research)* A program that introduces research careers to students from underrepresented groups.
CLA - *(Collegiate Learning Assessment)* A value added test of critical thinking and writing administered to freshmen and seniors.
CUSP II - *(Council of University Strategic Planning)* The SF State strategic plan intended to extend from 2005 to 2010.
CESD - *(Cultural, Ethnic, or Social Diversity)* A course category in General Education at SF State.
DPT - *(Doctor of Physical Therapy)*
EER - *(Educational Effectiveness Review)* The third stage of the WASC review, which focuses on student learning.
FTGF - *(Facilitating Graduation Task Force)* A SF State task force that studied data related to retention and graduation.
FSSE - *(Faculty Survey of Student Engagement)* Survey of faculty that measures their opinions regarding student engagement with their academic experience.
GRTF - *(Graduation Requirements Task Force)* A SF State task force that is developing a revised General Education program, baccalaureate vision statement, and a baccalaureate learning outcomes.
GWAR - *(Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement)* The final writing requirement for all SF State graduates.
NSSE - *(National Survey of Student Engagement)* Survey of freshmen and seniors that measures the behaviors of students that are related to their engagement with their academic experience.
ORSP - *(Office of Research and Sponsored Projects)*
PULSE - SF State survey of students administered every semester during online registration.
SIMS - *(Student Information Management System)* The SF State data base system that manages student data.
WASC - *(Western Association of Schools and Colleges)* The regional accrediting association for the Western United States.
WAC/WID - *(Writing Across the Curriculum/Writing in the Discipline)* A writing approach that infuses writing into the genre of specific discipline such as scientific writing.