

ACCREDITING COMMISSION for COMMUNITY and JUNIOR COLLEGES

Western Association of Schools and Colleges

Barbara A. Beno, President Steven M. Kinsella, Chair

February 5, 2016

Ms. Mojdeh Mehdizadeh Interim President Contra Costa College 2600 Mission Bell Drive San Pablo, CA 94806

Dear President Mehdizadeh:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 6-8, 2016, reviewed the Institutional Follow-Up Report submitted by Contra Costa College, evidentiary materials also submitted, and the Report prepared by the evaluation team that visited on November 4-5, 2015. College leadership, including the president of the governing board and the college president, certified the Follow-Up Report. The purpose of the Commission's review is to determine whether the college has resolved deficiencies noted during the fall 2014 comprehensive review and meets Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards and Commission policies (hereafter called standards).

After considering all of the written material noted above, the Commission found that Contra Costa College has addressed College and District Recommendation 1 and College Recommendations 2, 3, 4, and 5 from the fall 2014 comprehensive evaluation, resolved the deficiencies, and meets the standards. The Commission encourages the institution to ensure it sustains the work done to meet standards.

The Commission requires that you give the Follow-Up Report, the External Evaluation Team Report, and this letter appropriate dissemination to your college staff and to those who were signatories of your Follow-Up Report. This group should include the chancellor, campus leadership, and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that these documents be made available to students and the public by placing a copy on the college website.

Please note that in response to public interest in accreditation, the Commission now requires institutions to post accreditation information on a page no more than one click from the institution's home page.

The Commission reminds Contra Costa College that its next scheduled report is the college Midterm Report due by **October 15, 2017**. ¹

Dr. Mojdeh Mehdizadeh Contra Costa College February 5, 2016

The Commission encourages the College's continued work to ensure educational quality and to support student success. Accreditation and peer review are most effective when the college and the ACCJC work together to encourage continuous quality improvement in higher education. Thank you for sharing the values and the work of accreditation.

If you should have any questions concerning this letter or the Commission action, please don't hesitate to contact me or one of the ACCJC Vice Presidents. We'd be glad to help you

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.

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cc: Dr. Helen Benjamin, Chancellor, Contra Costa Community College District

Institutions preparing and submitting Midterm Reports, Follow-Up Reports, and Special Reports to the Commission should review *Guidelines for the Preparation of Reports to the Commission* found on the ACCJC website at: (http://www.accjc.org/college-reports-accjc).