June 30, 2011

Dr. Jeff Marsee
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Dear President Marsee:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 8-10, 2011, reviewed the Focused Midterm Report submitted by San Joaquin Delta College and the report of the evaluation team which visited Thursday, May 5, 2011. The purpose of this review was to assure that the recommendations made by the evaluation team are addressed by the institution and that the College had also addressed the self-identified plans for improvement which were included in the institutional self study.

The Commission acted to issue a Warning and to ask that San Joaquin Delta College correct the deficiencies noted. The College is required to complete a Follow-Up Report by March 15, 2012. The report will be followed by a visit of Commission representatives.

A warning is issued when the Commission finds that an institution has pursued a course of action which deviates from the Commission’s Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, or Commission policies to an extent that raises a concern regarding the ability of the institution to meet Accreditation Standards. The Warning is issued for Recommendation 3 which was first noted by the 2008 evaluation team. The accredited status of the institution continues during the warning period.

The Follow-Up Report of March 15, 2012 should demonstrate that the institution has addressed the recommendation noted below, resolved the deficiency, and now meets Accreditation Standards.

**Recommendation 3:** The visiting team recommends that the college decisively address the development and implementation of a comprehensive Strategic Plan closely focused on assessing institutional effectiveness. A systematic, continuous cycle of feedback and evaluative improvement must be critically and deliberately developed and put into effect. This Strategic Plan must incorporate student learning outcomes within all institutional efforts, resource allocations, and be supported by program and service reviews and research data.
Educational, fiscal, technological, physical, and human resources should be considered and integrated. As a whole, the planning document should also identify short- and long-term directions for the College, timelines for implementation, the individuals responsible for each area, monitoring and follow-up strategies, and expected outcomes.

The report should also indicate the steps San Joaquin Delta College is taking to meet the following Commission Recommendations by fall 2012.

**Commission Recommendation #1:** The College should demonstrate that it has completed the identification of SLOs and begun the implementation of assessments that would bring the College to the Development level on the Rubric for Evaluating Institutions Part III.

**Commission Recommendation #2:** The College should provide evidence that faculty and others directly responsible for student progress toward achieving stated student learning outcomes have, as a component of their evaluation, effectiveness in producing those learning outcomes. (III.A.1.c)

I wish to inform you that under U.S. Department of Education regulations, institutions out of compliance with Standards or on sanction are expected to correct deficiencies within a two-year period or the Commission must take action to terminate accreditation. Recommendation 3 identified as a deficiency was also noted by the year 2008 evaluation team; the Commission has extended San Joaquin Delta College's time to correct this deficiency to **March 15, 2012** or the Commission will be compelled to act.

The Focused Midterm Report will become part of the accreditation history of the College and should be used in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation. I have previously sent you a copy of the Evaluation Team Report. Additional copies may now be duplicated. The Commission requires that you give the report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of your College report. This group should include campus leadership and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that all reports be made available to students and the public. Placing a copy on the College web site can accomplish this. Should you want an electronic copy of the report, please contact Commission staff.

Please note that the next comprehensive evaluation of San Joaquin Delta College will occur in **Spring 2014**.
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On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express continuing interest in the institution's educational quality and students' success. Professional self-regulation is the most effective means of assuring institutional integrity, effectiveness, and quality.

Sincerely,

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