July 2, 2012

Dr. Kathleen Hart
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Dear President Hart:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 6-8, 2012, considered the Follow-Up Report submitted by the College and the report of the evaluation team which visited Friday, April 20, 2012. The Commission took action to remove Warning and reaffirm accreditation.

The Commission notes that a sustained level of effort after deficiencies are resolved is a critical element of institutional effectiveness and continued accreditation. Recommendation 4 from the 2008 comprehensive evaluation report identified the urgent need to establish a stable management team so that longevity of the team, particularly at the vice-presidential level, could help resolve deficiencies in effective communication, comprehensive planning, and collaborative dialogue. Commission teams noted in the fall 2008 Follow-Up Report the positions had been filled with permanent assignments. In the spring 2009 Follow-Up Report, it was noted the recommendation was fully met. However, the spring 2012 Evaluation Team Report noted the recurrence of significant turnover and use of interim assignments in the College’s administration. The lack of continuity in leadership makes it difficult for the institution to continuously meet or exceed Accreditation Standards. The College should take appropriate steps to resolve the issue of the large number of interim and acting positions and stabilize administration.

The Follow-Up Evaluation 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 a copy of the Follow-Up Evaluation Report. Additional copies may now be duplicated. The Commission requires that the report and this letter be given appropriate dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of your College report. This group should include the campus leadership and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that the Follow-Up Evaluation Report, the Follow-Up Report and the Commission action letter be made available to students and the public. Placing a copy on the College website can accomplish this.
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Please note that the next comprehensive evaluation of San Joaquin Delta College will occur in Spring 2014. The College should be able to demonstrate continuous, ongoing efforts in strategic planning and in evaluating its processes, which were documented as relatively new in the spring 2012 Evaluation Team Report.

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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President

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