

January 27, 2022

Dr. Gilbert Contreras
Interim President
Fullerton College
321 E. Chapman Avenue
Fullerton, CA 92832

Dear Dr. Contreras:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 12-14, 2022, reviewed the Midterm Report and related evidentiary materials submitted by Fullerton College. The purpose of the review was to determine the degree to which the institution has made progress in implementing its plans and improving outcomes related to student achievement. After consideration of the Report, the Commission has determined that the institution's progress is appropriate and has accepted the Report.

On behalf of the Commission, we wish to acknowledge the College's commitment to improvement as it continues its efforts in the best interests of its students. We look forward to working with the College as it prepares for its next comprehensive review, which will begin with Team ISER Review in the spring term of 2024 and conclude with a Focused Site Visit in the fall term of 2024.

Sincerely,



Cindy Miles, Ph.D.



Sonya Christian, Ed.D.

cc: Dr. Byron Breland, Chancellor, North Orange County Community College District
Dr. José Ramón Núñez, Accreditation Liaison Officer

June 28, 2019

Dr. Greg Schulz
President
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321 E. Chapman Avenue
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Dear President Schulz:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, reviewed in June 2019 the Follow-Up Report and related evidentiary materials submitted by Fullerton College. The Commission also considered the External Evaluation Team Follow-Up Report prepared by the follow-up team that visited the institution on April 11, 2019. The purpose of this review was to determine whether the College has appropriately responded to the issues as identified by the peer review team at the time of the last visit and as expressed in the Commission's Action Letter of January 26, 2018, and whether the College has demonstrated compliance with the related Standards.

Upon consideration of the information noted above, the Commission acted to **find compliance and reaffirm accreditation for the remainder of the cycle**. The Commission finds that Fullerton College has addressed the compliance requirements, corrected deficiencies, and meets Standards I.B.1, II.A.2, II.A.3, II.A.2, and II.A.7. The next report from the College will be the Midterm Report¹ due on October 15, 2021. The institution's next comprehensive review will occur in the fall term of 2024.

The Commission requires the College to disseminate the Follow-Up Report, the Team Report, and this letter within the institution, including by posting them on the College's website.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express appreciation for the diligent work and thoughtful reflection that Fullerton College undertook to respond to these requirements. These efforts confirm that peer review can well serve the multiple constituencies of higher education by both ensuring and encouraging institutional quality and effectiveness.

¹ Institutions preparing and submitting Midterm Reports, Follow-up Reports, and Special Reports to the Commission should review *Guidelines for the Preparing Institutional Reports to the Commission*, found on the ACCJC website at <https://accjc.org/publications/>.

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If you have any questions about this letter or the Commission's action, please feel free to contact me or the vice president that has been assigned as liaison to your institution.

Sincerely,

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Richard Winn, Ed.D.

President

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cc: Dr. Cheryl Marshall, Chancellor, North Orange County Community College District
Dr. José Ramón Núñez, Accreditation Liaison Officer



January 26, 2018

Dr. Greg Schulz, President
Fullerton College
321 E. Chapman Avenue
Fullerton, CA 92832

Dear President Schulz:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 10-12, 2018, reviewed the Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) and evidentiary materials submitted by Fullerton College. The Commission also considered the External Evaluation Team Report (Team Report) prepared by the peer review team that conducted its onsite visit to the College Monday, October 9 - Thursday, October 12, 2017.

The purpose of this review was to determine whether the College continues to meet ACCJC's Eligibility Requirements, Commission Policies, and Accreditation Standards (hereinafter, the Standards). Upon consideration of the information noted above, the Commission acted to **Reaffirm Accreditation for 18 months and require a Follow-Up Report due no later than March 1, 2019**, followed by a visit from a peer review team.

Compliance Requirements

The Commission also determined that the College must demonstrate compliance with the following Standards, as addressed in the College recommendations. This demonstration must be addressed in the required Follow-Up Report.

1. **Standards I.B.1, II.A.2, II.A.3 (College Recommendation 1):** In order to meet the Standard, the college must assess Institutional Student Learning Outcomes (ISLOs) and engage in sustained substantive and collegial dialog of outcomes in pursuit of continuous quality improvement of courses and programs.
2. **Standards II.A.2, II.A.7, Policy on Distance and Correspondence Education (College Recommendation 2):** In order to meet the Standard, the college must develop methods to ensure that faculty teaching distance education meet generally accepted academic and professional standards and expectations for distance education instruction related to (1) regular and effective contact between instructors and students and (2) professional development.

In accordance with federal regulations, compliance requirements must be addressed and the institution must demonstrate that it aligns with Standards within two years¹.

¹ For more information, refer to the Commission policy on "The Two-Year Rule and Extension for Good Cause" on the ACCJC website at <https://accjc.org/eligibility-requirements-standards-policies/>.

Modifications to Recommendations

In taking its action, the Commission modified the team's recommendation(s) as follows:

The Commission determined that the wording of the College Recommendation 2 should be revised as follows:

Original College Recommendation 2 (Compliance): In order to meet the Standard, the team recommends that the college develop methods to ensure and evaluate that faculty teaching distance education meet generally accepted academic and professional standards and expectations for distance education instruction related to (1) regular and effective contact between instructors and students and (2) professional development.

Revised College Recommendation 2: In order to meet the Standard, the team recommends that the college develop methods to ensure ~~and evaluate~~ that faculty teaching distance education meet generally accepted academic and professional standards and expectations for distance education instruction related to (1) regular and effective contact between instructors and students and (2) professional development.

Recommendations for Improving Institutional Effectiveness

The Team Report noted College Recommendations 3, 4, and 5, and District Recommendations 1, 2, and 3 for improving institutional effectiveness. These recommendations do not identify current areas of deficiency in institutional practice, but consistent with its mission to foster continuous improvement through the peer review process, the Commission encourages institutions to give serious consideration to the advice contained in the peer reviewers' recommendations. The Commission anticipates that you will bring them and the team's full report to the attention of your institution for serious consideration. In the Midterm Report, the College will include actions taken in response to the peer review team's improvement recommendations.

Next Steps

The Team Report provides details of the peer review team's findings with regard to the College's work to meet Standards. The guidance and recommendations contained in the Report represent the best advice of the peer review team at the time of the visit but may not describe all that is necessary for the college to improve or to come into compliance. A final copy of the team report is attached.

The Commission requires that you disseminate the ISER, the Team Report, and this letter to those who were signatories of the ISER and that you make these documents available to all campus constituencies and the public by placing copies on the College website. Please note that in response to public interest in accreditation, the Commission requires institutions to post current accreditation information on a Web page no more than one click from the institution's home page.

In keeping with ACCJC policy, the Commission action will also be posted on the ACCJC website within 30 days of the date of the Commission's action.

The College's Midterm Report² will be due on October 15, 2021. The institution's next comprehensive review will occur in the fall term of 2024.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express appreciation for the diligent work and thoughtful reflection that Fullerton College undertook to prepare for this evaluation. These efforts confirm that peer review can well serve the multiple constituencies of higher education by both ensuring and encouraging institutional quality and effectiveness.

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