



ACCREDITING COMMISSION for COMMUNITY and JUNIOR COLLEGES
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Dr. Frank Chong
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Santa Rosa Junior College
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Dear President Chong:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 8-10, 2016, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by Santa Rosa Junior College and evidentiary materials also submitted. College leadership, including the president of the governing board, and the College president, certified the Report. The purpose of the Commission's review was to determine whether the College resolved deficiencies noted during the spring 2015 comprehensive review and meets Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies.

After considering the written material noted above, the Commission finds that Santa Rosa Junior College has resolved the deficiencies and meets Standards II.B.1, II.B.3.a, II.C.1, II.C.1.c, III.A.1.c, III.D.1.c, III.D.3.a, IV.B.2.d, and Eligibility Requirements 14, 16, and 17 that were identified in Recommendations 3, 4, and 5 from the spring 2015 comprehensive review.

During its review, the Commission noted that the College has operated in deficit spending and with reduced reserves. There are structural operating losses and reduced enrollments which may place the district at financial risk. Therefore, the Commission determined that Standard III.D.1.b from Recommendation 5 is not yet met and took action to require Santa Rosa Junior College to submit a **Follow-Up Report** by **March 1, 2017** (the end of the College's two-year rule period) demonstrating the College has resolved this last remaining deficiency and meets the Standard.¹

The Commission requires that you give the Follow-Up Report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your college staff and to those who were signatories of the Report. You should also make these documents available to all campus constituencies and the public by placing a copy on the College website. Please note that in response to public interest in accreditation, the Commission requires institutions to post accreditation information on a page no more than one click from the institution's home page.

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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 focus on student outcomes and 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 would be glad to help you.

Sincerely,



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President

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¹ 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>.