

June 13, 2018

Dr. Carole Goldsmith, President  
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Dear President Goldsmith:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 6-8, 2018, reviewed the Institutional Self Evaluation Report (ISER) and evidentiary materials submitted by Fresno City 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 March 5-8, 2018.

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 written information noted above, the Commission acted to **Reaffirm Accreditation for seven years and require a Follow-Up Report due no later than October 1, 2019.**

#### Commendations

The Commission recognizes the exemplary performance of Fresno City College in the following area. Commendations signify practices for which the Commission believes the institution has exceeded standards.

**Commendation 1:** The Team commends Fresno City College for building partnerships in the community with local K-12, workforce, and business and industry, which has resulted in an annual increased dual enrollment of 2772 high school and middle college students, and 149 certificate training and 6 degrees to adult students through the Career Technical Center. (II.A.1, II.A.10, II.A.14)

#### Compliance Requirements

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

**Standard II.A.3 (College Recommendation 2):** In order to meet the standard, the Team recommends that the College ensure all course syllabi include the correct, approved student learning outcomes.

**Standards III.A.5 (District Recommendation 2):** In order to meet the standard, the team recommends that the District ensure all personnel are systematically evaluated at stated intervals in accordance with the bargaining agreements and Board Policies.

**Standards III.C.2 (District Recommendation 3):** In order to meet the standard, the team recommends that the District implement an administrative program review process to inform District planning efforts for technology.

In accordance with federal regulations, compliance requirements must be addressed and the institution must demonstrate that it aligns with Standards within two years<sup>1</sup>.

#### Modifications to Recommendations

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

**District Recommendation 4** is changed from a compliance requirement to an improvement recommendation.

The Commission also determined that the wording of the following recommendation should be revised as follows:

**Original District Recommendation 3 (Compliance):** In order to meet the standard, the team recommends that the District implement an administrative program review process to inform District planning efforts for technology and complete its District technology plan. (III.C.2)

**Revised District Recommendation 3 (Compliance):** In order to meet the standard, the team recommends that the District implement an administrative program review process to inform District planning efforts for technology. (III.C.2)

#### Recommendations for Improving Institutional Effectiveness

The Team Report noted College Recommendations 1, 3, 4, and District Recommendations 1, 4, 5, 6 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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/>.

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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.

Subsequent to the Follow-Up Report described above, the next report from the College will be the Midterm Report due on March 15, 2022. The institution's next comprehensive review will occur in the spring term of 2025.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express appreciation for the diligent work and thoughtful reflection that Fresno City 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.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Winn", written in a cursive style.

Richard Winn, Ed.D.  
President

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cc: Dr. Paul Parnell, Chancellor, State Center Community College District  
Ms. Cyndie Luna, Accreditation Liaison Officer