July 2, 2012

Dr. Michael Kasler
President
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Dear President Kasler:

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 Monday, April 23, 2012. The Commission took action to remove Warning and reaffirm accreditation.

In its Follow-Up Report, the College noted that the North Orange County Community College District had addressed the recommendations directing it to clarify the governance, planning, and decision-making structures and processes; delineate and communicate the budget allocation model district-wide; and regularly evaluate the district planning, governance, and decision-making processes to assure their effectiveness. The College also reported that it had addressed the recommendation to evaluate college-level planning, governance, and decision-making processes for effectiveness, using the results of this assessment as a basis for making improvements; and had implemented a program discontinuance process that provides pathways for program completion.

The Follow-Up 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 the Chancellor, campus leadership, and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that the Follow-Up Report and this action letter be made available to students and the public. Placing a copy on the college website can accomplish this.
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All colleges are required to file a Midterm Report in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. Cypress College should submit the Midterm Report by March 15, 2014.¹ Midterm Reports provide evidence of resolution or implementation for each recommendation made by the last comprehensive evaluation team, and demonstrate that the institution has sustained any practices required to come into compliance with Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards and Commission policies. The Midterm Report should also include a summary of progress on College-identified plans for improvement as expressed in the Self Study 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,

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.  
President

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cc:  Dr. Ned Doffoney, Chancellor, North Orange County CCD  
Mr. Santanu Bandyopadhyay, Accreditation Liaison Officer  
President, Board of Trustees, North Orange County CCD  
Dr. Lori Gaskin, Team Chair

¹ Institutions that will be 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. It contains the background, requirements, and format for each type of report and presents sample cover pages and certification pages. It is available on the ACCJC website under College Reports to ACCJC at: (http://www.accjc.org/college-reports-accjc).