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July 3, 2013

Mr. Jeff Akens
President
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Dear President Akens:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting on June 5-7, 2013, considered the Institutional Self Evaluation Report and the Report of the External Evaluation Team that visited Carrington College California March 4-7, 2013.

The Commission took action to **reaffirm accreditation** with the requirement to complete a **Follow-Up Report by March 15, 2014** demonstrating that the College has fully addressed Recommendation 3, resolved the deficiencies noted in the recommendation noted below, and fully meets Accreditation Standards. Reaffirmation is granted when an institution is found to substantially meet or exceed the Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies, but recommendations on a small number of issues should be addressed.¹

Recommendation 3: In order to fully meet the Standard, the College should take action to address the gap in student performance in writing as evidenced in the General Education Learning Studies conducted in 2009 and 2011. (II.A.1.c)

Recommendation 7: In order to fully meet the Standard and to provide appropriate services, the College should restore full access to the online library catalog. (II.C.1.c; II.C.1.d)

With regard to Recommendation 7, the Commission notes that, to the College's credit, the issue of lack of access to the library catalog for online students that was noted by the team was resolved shortly after the visit. The Commission wishes to ensure that steps taken to resolve the issue have been sustained.

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All colleges are required to file a **Midterm Report** in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. Carrington College California should submit the Midterm Report by **March 15, 2016**. A Midterm Report indicates resolution of any team recommendations made for improvement, includes a summary of progress on College-identified plans for improvement as expressed in the Self Evaluation Report, and forecasts where the College expects to be by the time of the next comprehensive evaluation.¹

Carrington College California conducted an educational quality and institutional effectiveness review as part of its self evaluation. The Commission suggests that the plans for improvement of the institution included in its self evaluation efforts be taken into account in the continuing improvement of the College.

The External Evaluation Report that was sent to the institution provides details of the team's findings with regard to each Eligibility Requirement and Accreditation Standard and should be read carefully and used to understand the team's findings.

The recommendations contained in the External Evaluation Report represent the best advice of the peer evaluation team at the time of the visit, but may not describe all that is necessary to come into compliance. Institutions are expected to take all action necessary to comply with Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies. The Commission wishes to remind you that while an institution may concur or disagree with any part of the Report, Carrington College California is expected to use the External Evaluation Report to improve educational programs and services and to resolve issues identified by the Commission.

A **final copy** of the External Evaluation Report is enclosed. Additional copies may now be duplicated. The Commission requires that the College give the Institutional Self Evaluation Report, the External Evaluation Team Report, and this letter appropriate dissemination to College staff and to those who were signatories of the College Self Evaluation Report. This group should include the campus leadership and the Board of Trustees.

The Commission also requires that the College's Institutional Self Evaluation Report, the External Evaluation Team Report, and this Commission action letter be made available to students and the public by placing a copy on the College website. *Please note that in response to public interest in disclosure, the Commission now requires institutions to post accreditation information on a page no farther than one click from the institution's home page.* If you would like an electronic copy of the External Evaluation Team Report, please contact Commission staff.

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On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express continuing interest in the institution's educational programs and services. Professional self-regulation is the most effective means of assuring integrity, effectiveness, and educational quality.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Dr. Danika Bowen, Accreditation Liaison Officer
President, Board of Trustees, Carrington College California
Dr. Roland "Chip" Chapdelaine, President, Los Angeles Trade Technical College, Team Chair

Enclosure

¹Institutions 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>).