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College of San Mateo was delighted to learn that the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) reaffirmed the College's accreditation at its January 2014 Commission meeting. The College's next full accreditation review will occur in 2019. Accreditation is a peer review process and the College is appreciative of the work of the accreditation visiting team.

The College received six college-level recommendations and three recommendations that apply to the San Mateo County Community College District. Five of the six college-level recommendations and all of the District recommendations must be addressed when the College files its midterm report in October 2016. The College will need to address one recommendation concerning student learning outcomes and assessment by October 2014. The College is required to make the ACCJC action letter and the detailed team report available to the public. These documents are posted on the College's accreditation status website at collegeofsanmateo.edu/accreditation.

The College has been successful in addressing past accreditation recommendations. Thus, I am very confident that the College will meet all of recommendations in accordance with the timelines prescribed by the ACCJC. In fact, the College has already made substantial progress on all of the ACCJC recommendations.

College of San Mateo is committed to providing accurate information to the public regarding its accredited status. As result, the College has posted additional official correspondence between the College and the ACCJC on its accreditation status website.

According to ACCJC policies the College had the opportunity to update the Commission on its activities between the time of the accreditation visit in October 2013 and the date of the Commission meeting in January 2014. We have included this additional information on the College's accreditation status website (*CSM Additional Information*).

The College also had an opportunity to comment on what it believed were "errors of fact" in the team report. Our College has decided to make this information available to the public as well (*Errors of Fact Response*). While the decision of the ACCJC is final with respect to the team report and the recommendations, the College believes that it is important for the public to have access to all of the pertinent information regarding its accredited status.

Sincerely,

Michael Claire
President

