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February 6, 2015

Mr. Michael Claire
President
College of San Mateo
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Dear President Claire:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 7-9, 2015, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by College of San Mateo, your letter dated October 13, 2014, and the report of the evaluation team that visited Wednesday, November 12, 2014. The College Follow-Up Report was certified by district and college leadership, including the chair of the governing board, the college president, and leaders of the faculty, staff, and student organizations.

Based on the evidence in the College Report and the Team Report, the Commission finds that the College of San Mateo has resolved 2013 Recommendation 3, resolved the deficiencies, and met Eligibility Requirement 10 and Standards II.A.1.a, II.A.1.c, II.A.2.a-c, e-f, g-i, II.A.3.a, and II.A.6. The next report required from the College will be the Midterm Report in 2016.

Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies at all times during the six-year review cycle. College of San Mateo must demonstrate to the Commission at the time of the Midterm Report that the recent changes implemented to resolve deficiencies and meet Eligibility Requirements and Standards have been sustained. The College of San Mateo should submit the **Midterm Report** by **October 15, 2016**.¹

The Follow-Up Report submitted in October 2014 will become part of the accreditation history of the College. 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 Follow-Up Report. This group should include the Chancellor, campus leadership, and the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Michael Claire
College of San Mateo
February 6, 2015

The Commission also requires that the Follow-Up 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.*

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 educational quality.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

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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>.