

June 28, 2021

Ms. Kim Lopez
Interim President
College of San Mateo
1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd
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Dear Ms. Lopez:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 9-11, 2021, reviewed the Follow-Up Report and related evidentiary materials submitted by College of San Mateo. The Commission also considered the Peer Review Team Follow-Up Report prepared by the follow-up team that visited the institution on April 14, 2021. The purpose of this review was to determine whether the College has addressed the deficiencies identified by the peer review team during the fall 2019 comprehensive visit and demonstrated compliance with the Standards cited in the Commission's January 27, 2020 Action Letter.

Upon consideration of the information noted above, the Commission acted to **Reaffirm Accreditation** for the remainder of the cycle. The Commission finds that College of San Mateo has addressed the compliance requirements, corrected deficiencies, and meets Standard II.A.2 and the *Policy on Distance Education and Correspondence Education*. The Commission requires the College to disseminate the Follow-Up Report, the Team Report, and this letter within the institution, including by posting them on the College's website.

The next report from the College will be the Midterm Report¹ due on October 15, 2023. The institution's next comprehensive review will begin with Team ISER Review in the spring term of 2026 and conclude with a Focused Site Visit in the fall term of 2026.

¹ Institutions preparing and submitting Midterm Reports, Follow-up Reports, Special Reports, or Teach-out plans/agreements to the Commission should review *Guidelines for Preparing Institutional Reports to the Commission*, found on the ACCJC website at <https://accjc.org/guides-and-manuals/>.

On behalf of the Commission, we wish to express appreciation for the diligent work and thoughtful reflection that College of San Mateo undertook to respond to these requirements. These efforts confirm that peer review can serve well 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 Dr. Stephanie Droker or the vice president that has been assigned as liaison to your institution.

Sincerely,



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cc: Dr. Hilary Goodkind, Accreditation Liaison Officer
Mr. Michael Claire, Chancellor, San Mateo Community College District

Attachment