

June 13, 2018

Dr. Walter Tribley, Superintendent/President
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Dear President Tribley:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 6-8, 2018, reviewed the Follow-Up Report and related evidentiary materials submitted by Monterey Peninsula College. The Commission also considered the Peer Review Team Follow-Up Report (hereinafter Team Report) prepared by the follow-up team that visited the institution on April 9, 2018. The Commission considered the written response to the evaluation team report that you submitted prior to the Commission meeting, and the spoken testimony of yourself; Rosaleen Ryan, Director of Institutional Research; and David Martin, Vice President of Administrative Services. The Commission found these additional perspectives to be helpful.

The purpose of this review was to determine whether the College has appropriately responded to the issues as identified by the original peer review team at the time of the October 2016 visit and as expressed in the Commission's Action Letter of February 3, 2017, and whether the College has demonstrated compliance with the related Standards.

The Commission finds that Monterey Peninsula College has addressed the Compliance Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22, corrected deficiencies, and meets

Standards I.B.2, I.B.4, I.B.6,
Standards I.C.1, I.C.3, I.C.8,
Standards II.A.1, II.A.3, II.A.11,
Standards II.B.1, II.B.3,
Standards II.C.1, II.C.2,
Standards III.A.5, III.A.9, III.A.10, III.A.11, III.A.12, III.A.13,
Standards III.C.1, III.C.2, III.C.3, III.C.5,
Standards III.D.1, III.D.2, III.D.11, III.D.12,
Standards IV.A.6, IV.A.7,
Standard IV.B.3,
Standards IV.C.6, and IV.C.7.

Upon consideration of the information noted above, the Commission acted to **Remove Probation and Reaffirm Accreditation for 18 months and require a Follow-Up Report, due November 1, 2018.**

The Commission determined that the College must demonstrate compliance with the following Standards, as addressed in the recommendations. This demonstration must be addressed in the required Follow-Up Report.

Standards I.B.7 and I.B.9 (Recommendation 4): In order to meet the Standards, the College needs to engage in continuous, broad-based, systematic evaluation, and planning. The institution needs to integrate program review, planning, and resource prioritization and allocation into a comprehensive process that leads to accomplishment of its mission and improvement of institutional effectiveness and academic quality. Institutional planning needs to be linked to short-range and long-range needs based on assessment of student learning and student achievement data.

The Team Report provides details of the peer review team's findings with regard to the College's work to meet Standards. The observations and guidance contained in the Team Report represent the best advice of the peer review team at the time of the follow-up visit but may not describe all that is necessary for the college to come into compliance with the two remaining Standards. The Commission affirms the peer review team's conclusion in regard to Recommendation 4: "The College needs to complete the evaluation cycle and review the effectiveness of the [integrated planning] process in order for it to become continuous, broad-based, and systematic. The College also needs to complete its Integrated Planning Handbook." A final copy of the team report is attached.

The Commission requires the College to disseminate the MPC Follow-Up Report, the Team Report, and this letter within the institution, including by posting them on the College's website.

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

Sincerely,



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President

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cc: Ms. Kiran Kamath, Accreditation Liaison Officer