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February 7, 2014

Dr. Jowel Laguerre, Superintendent/President
Solano Community College
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Dear President Laguerre:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 8-10, 2014, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by Solano Community College and the report of the evaluation team that visited November 4, 2013. The Commission took action to **remove Warning and reaffirm accreditation**. Accreditation is reaffirmed when the institution substantially meets or exceeds the Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies. Recommendations are directed toward strengthening the institution, not correcting situations where the institution fails to meet the Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies.

The Follow-Up Evaluation Team found evidence that Solano Community College has partially addressed Recommendations 5 and 6 with the development and integration of the Staff Diversity and Student Equity plans into the College's integrated planning cycle. It has also developed a number of mechanisms and learning support systems so that students enrolled in distance education courses are achieving stated learning outcomes at a level comparable with students enrolled in onsite programs and courses. Nevertheless, both of these recommendations remain only partially resolved because the College has yet to evaluate the effectiveness of the changes. The College must demonstrate in its upcoming Midterm Report that these recommendations have been completely addressed, the Standards fully met, and the processes and plans initiated have been sustained.

The College provided evidence, and the team verified, that Recommendations, 7, and 9 have been addressed, and the College now meets Standards II.A.1.c, II.A.2.e, II.A.2.f, III.A.1.c (Recommendation 7) and Standard III.A.1.d (Recommendation 9).

The Follow-Up Report submitted in October 2013 will become part of the accreditation history of the College. I have previously sent you a copy of the Follow-Up Evaluation Team Report. Additional copies may now be duplicated. The Commission requires that you give the reports 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 campus leadership and the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Jowel Laguerre, Superintendent/President
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The Commission also requires that the Follow-Up Report, the Follow-Up 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 Follow-Up Evaluation Team Report, please contact Commission staff.

Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies at all times during the six-year review cycle. Solano Community College must demonstrate to the Commission at the time of the next regularly scheduled report that the recent changes implemented to resolve deficiencies and meet Standards have been sustained. Solano Community College is scheduled to submit its Institutional Midterm Report in the **fall 2014**.

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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