February 11, 2013

Dr. David Viar
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Dear President Viar:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 9-11, 2013, considered the Midterm Report submitted by American River College. The purpose of this review was to assure that the recommendations made by the evaluation team had been addressed by the institution and that the College had also provided an update on the self-identified planning agendas which were included in the institutional Self Study Report.

The Commission noted that American River College, in its Midterm Report, responded to all four recommendations from the comprehensive review and reviewed progress on self-identified plans for improvement. In its report, the College noted that its assessment cycle for student learning outcomes (SLOs) was begun in 2007-08 and that adjunct faculty are actively engaged in SLO assessment; that the Campus Life Office has provided training for students to increase their participation in college governance, leadership, and conflict resolution (two recommendations); and that all services of the Learning Resource Center now undergo regular review and student achievement data is routinely collected and analyzed.

Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards and Commission policies at all times during the six-year review cycle and to provide evidence that they have addressed and resolved all recommendations made by the previous comprehensive evaluation team. At the time of the next regularly scheduled visit, the evaluation team will examine evidence and confirm that these College changes and improvements have been sustained.

The Midterm Report will become part of the accreditation history of the College and should be used in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation. 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 College report. This group should include the Chancellor, campus leadership, and the Board of Trustees.
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The Commission also requires that the Midterm 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.

Please note that the next comprehensive evaluation of American River College will occur in Fall 2015.

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 integrity, effectiveness, and quality.

Sincerely,

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