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February 6, 2015

Mr. William Duncan
Superintendent/President
Sierra College
5000 Rocklin Road
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Dear Superintendent/President Duncan:

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 Sierra College and the report of the evaluation team that visited Thursday, November 6, 2014. The 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.

College Accreditation Reaffirmed:

The Commission acted to **remove Warning and reaffirm accreditation**. Based on the evidence in the College report and the team report, the Commission finds that the College has addressed Recommendations 1 and 4, resolved the deficiencies, and met Standards II.A.1.a; II.A.1.c; II.A.2.a; II.A.2.b; II.A.2.e; II.A.2.f; II.A.2.i; II.A.6, and IV.A.5.

Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies at all times during the six-year review cycle. Sierra 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 Eligibility Requirements and Standards have been sustained. Sierra College will submit a **Midterm Report in fall 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 campus leadership and the Board of Trustees.

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 more than one click from the institution's home page.*

Mr. William Duncan
Sierra College
February 6, 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 institutional integrity, effectiveness, and educational quality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara A. Beno".

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

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¹ Institutions 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>.