



**ACCREDITING COMMISSION for COMMUNITY and JUNIOR COLLEGES**  
*Western Association of Schools and Colleges*

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February 3, 2017

Dr. Rajen Vurdien  
Superintendent/President  
Pasadena City College  
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Dear President Vurdien:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 11-13, 2017, reviewed the Follow-Up Report and evidentiary materials submitted by Pasadena City College and the External Evaluation Team Follow-Up Report (Team Report) prepared by the evaluation team that visited on October 19, 2016. College leadership, including the president of the governing board and the College president, certified the College's report. The purpose of the Commission's review was to determine whether the College had resolved deficiencies noted during the spring 2015 comprehensive review and now meets Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies (hereafter called Standards).

After considering the material noted above, the Commission finds that Pasadena City College has addressed Recommendations 1 through 8, as noted by the spring 2015 comprehensive evaluation team, corrected the deficiencies, and meets Eligibility Requirements 5, 19 and Standards I.B.3, I.B.4, I.B.6, I.B.7, II.A.2.e-f, III.A.1.b, III.A.1.c-d, III.A.2, III.A.3, III.A.4.c, III.A.5.a-b, III.A.6, III.B.2.b, III.C.2, III.D.4, IV.A.1, IV.A.3, IV.A.5, IV.B.1.e, and IV.B.1.h. The next report from Pasadena City College will be the Midterm Report due in **spring 2018**.<sup>1</sup>

The Commission requires the College give the Follow-Up Report, Team Report, and this letter appropriate dissemination to College staff and to those who were signatories of the Follow-Up Report, and that these documents be made available to students and the public by posting them to the College website. Please note that in response to public interest in accreditation, the Commission requires institutions to post accreditation information on a page no more than one click from the institution's home page.

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<sup>1</sup> 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* found on the ACCJC website at: [www.accjc.org/college-reports-accjc](http://www.accjc.org/college-reports-accjc).

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On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express appreciation for the collaborative work that Pasadena City College undertook to prepare the Follow-Up Report and to support the work of the external evaluation team. Thank you for sharing the values and the work of accreditation to ensure educational quality and to support student success. Accreditation and peer review are most effective when the College and the ACCJC work together to focus on student outcomes and continuous quality improvement in higher education.

If you should have any questions concerning this letter or the Commission action, please don't hesitate to contact me or one of the ACCJC Vice Presidents. We would be glad to help you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Winn", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Richard Winn, Ed.D.  
Interim President

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