

June 23, 2017

Dr. Kevin Walthers
Superintendent/President
Allan Hancock College
800 South College Drive
Santa Maria, CA 93454-6399

Dear Superintendent/President Walthers:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 7-9, 2017, reviewed the Follow-Up Report and evidentiary materials submitted by Allan Hancock College. College leadership, including the president of the governing board, and the College president, certified the Report. The purpose of the Commission's review was to determine whether the College resolved deficiencies noted during the fall 2016 comprehensive review and meets Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies (hereafter called Standards).

After considering the material noted above, the Commission finds that Allan Hancock College has resolved the deficiencies and meets Standards II.A.2, II.A.3, and II.A.16 (Recommendation 2); II.A.2, II.A.7, II.A.16, and the Policy on Distance Education and Correspondence Education (Recommendation 3); and III.A.5 (Recommendation 6). The Commission acted to **Reaffirm accreditation** for the remainder of the seven-year cycle. The next report from Allan Hancock College is the Midterm Report due in **fall 2020**.¹

The Commission requires that the College give the Follow-Up Report and this letter appropriate dissemination to College staff and to those who were signatories of the Report and to make these documents available to all campus constituencies and to the public by posting them on 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.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express appreciation for the work that Allan Hancock College undertook to prepare the Follow-Up Report. 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.

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*, found on the ACCJC website at: <http://accjc.org/college-reports-to-accjc/>.

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If you should have any questions concerning this letter or the Commission action, please 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 flourish extending to the right.

Richard Winn, Ed.D.
Interim President

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