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June 29, 2015

Dr. Dennis Harkins President Orange Coast College 2701 Fairview Road Costa Mesa, CA 92628

Dear President Harkins:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 3-5, 2015, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by Orange Coast College. The Follow-Up Report was certified by the chancellor, president of the governing board, the college president, and leaders of faculty, staff, and student organizations.

Based on the College Follow-Up Report and evidence submitted, the Commission finds that Orange Coast College has addressed District Recommendation 2 from the last comprehensive review and has fully resolved the deficiencies in College/district policies, procedures, and practices which led to noncompliance with Standards IV.B.1.j, IV.B.3.a, IV.B.3.g.

Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies at all times during the six-year review cycle. Orange Coast College must demonstrate to the Commission at the time of the Midterm Report that the recent changes implemented to resolve deficiencies and meet Eligibility Requirements and Standards have been sustained. The College should submit the **Midterm Report** by **March 15**, **2016**. ¹

The Follow-Up Report submitted in March 2015 will become part of the accreditation history of the College. The Commission requires that you give the Follow-Up Report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of the Follow-Up Report. This group should include the campus leadership and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that these documents 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.

Dr. Dennis Harkins Orange Coast College June 29, 2015

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to encourage your continued work to ensure Orange Coast College's educational quality and to support students' success. Professional self-regulation is the responsibility of an accredited college and the accreditor. Thank you for sharing in that responsibility.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.

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cc: Dr. Richard Jones, Interim Chancellor

Institutions preparing and submitting Midterm Reports, Follow-Up Reports, or Special Reports to the Commission should review *Guidelines for the Preparation of Reports to the Commission* found on the ACCJC website at: (http://www.accjc.org/college-reports-accjc).