



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

Barbara A. Beno, President
Susan S. Kazama, Chair

July 8, 2016

Dr. Dennis Harkins
President
Orange Coast College
2701 Fairview Road
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Dear President Harkins:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 8-10, 2016, reviewed the Midterm Report and the evidentiary materials submitted by Orange Coast 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 continues to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies (hereafter called Standards). The Commission also examined the College's implementation of its own plans for improvement that were identified in the 2013 Self Evaluation Report.

After considering all of the written material noted above, the Commission finds that the College has sustained the work accomplished since the last comprehensive evaluation and has maintained compliance with the Standards previously identified in the 2013 comprehensive evaluation team report and linked to District Recommendations 1 through 4 and Commission Recommendations 1 and 2, all of which the College satisfactorily addressed by the time of the 2015 Follow-Up Report.

The Commission expects that the changes and improvements noted College policies, procedures, practices and outcomes noted in the Midterm Report will be sustained. The College's next comprehensive review will occur in **spring 2019**. The Commission encourages Orange Coast College to focus its attention on improving student learning and student achievement as it continues its work to assure and improve quality.

The Commission requires that you give the Midterm Report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of your Midterm Report. You should also make these documents available to all campus constituencies and the public by placing a copy 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.

Dr. Dennis Harkins
Orange Coast College
July 8, 2016

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express appreciation for the work that Orange Coast College undertook to prepare the Midterm Report. Accreditation and peer review are most effective when institutions and the ACCJC work together to encourage continuous quality improvement in higher education. Thank you for sharing the values and the work of accreditation.

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 that reads "Barbara A. Beno". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B'.

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

BB/tl

cc: Mr. Gene Farrell, Interim Chancellor, Coast Community College District