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July 3, 2014

Dr. Ronald Taylor
Superintendent/President
Merced College
3600 M Street
Merced, CA 95348

Dear Superintendent/President Taylor:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 4-6, 2014, reviewed the Midterm Report submitted by Merced College. The Midterm Report was certified by District and College leadership, including the president of the governing board, the College president, and leaders of the faculty, staff, and student organizations.

Based on the College Midterm Report and the documentation submitted, the Commission finds the College has sustained the efforts reported in 2012 and 2013 to comply with Standards, and has addressed the recommendations from the 2011 comprehensive evaluation. The deficiencies have been corrected, and the College continues meet the Accreditation Standards associated with these recommendations.

Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies at all times during the six-year accreditation cycle. It is expected that the changes and improvements noted in the Midterm Report will be sustained. This will be verified at the time of the next regularly scheduled visit.

Merced College will submit its Institutional Self Evaluation of Educational Quality and Institutional Effectiveness in preparation for the comprehensive review in **March 2017**. Please note that the comprehensive review will be based upon the Accreditation Standards adopted in June 2014.

The Midterm Report submitted in March 2014 will become part of the accreditation history of the College. 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. This group should include campus leadership, and the Board of Trustees.

The Commission also requires that the Midterm Report and this Commission action letter be made available to students and the public by placing a copy on the College website.

Dr. Ronald Taylor
Merced College
July 3, 2014

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.

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, educational quality, and student success.

Sincerely,

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

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

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