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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Dr. Geraldine Perri Superintendent/President Citrus College 1000 West Foothill Boulevard Glendora, CA 91741

Dear President Perri:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 9-11, 2013, considered the Midterm Report submitted by Citrus College. The purpose of this review was to assure that the recommendations made by the evaluation team had been addressed by the institution and that the College had also provided an update on the self-identified planning agendas which were included in the Institutional Self Evaluation Report.

The Commission noted that Citrus College responded to all six recommendations from the comprehensive review and reviewed progress on self-identified plans for improvement in its Midterm Report.

The report noted that the College established an Institutional Effectiveness Committee to review and make recommendations on matters regarding institutional effectiveness, i.e., the review and assessment of the integrated planning process and the link to the budget process. The College has developed and implemented student learning outcomes (SLOs) and assessments for all courses offered. The College uses its *Integrated Planning Manual* to assess the effective development and use of SLOs and assessment at all levels. The Manual is updated annually and promotes a culture of evidence and data-driven decision-making college-wide. All areas of student support services have completed program reviews, and the College has assessed the effectiveness of recent program initiatives in order to maintain effective practices in the base budget.

The College has updated its policies, and the procedure for faculty evaluation requires faculty to assess SLOs as part of the self evaluation component of the evaluation portfolio. The College publishes a detailed analysis of budget assumptions which is included in the published final budget along with descriptions of various funds and sources of revenue, and an outline of parameters for decision-making within the larger budget document. "Budget Forums assessment data reveal overwhelming appreciation for the quality and helpfulness of the information provided to the college community." (Page 28 Citrus College Midterm Report)

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Institutions are expected to meet the Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies at all times during the six-year review cycle and to provide evidence that they have addressed and resolved all recommendations made by the previous comprehensive evaluation team. At the time of the next regularly scheduled visit, the evaluation team will examine evidence and confirm that these College changes and improvements have been sustained.

The Midterm Report will become part of the accreditation history of the College and should be used in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation. The Commission requires that you give the report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of the College report. This group should include the 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. *Please note that in response to public interest in disclosure, the Commission now requires institutions to post accreditation information on a page no farther than one click from the institution's home page.* 

Please note that the next comprehensive evaluation of Citrus College will occur in Fall 2015.

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 integrity, effectiveness, and quality.

Sincerely,

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