



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

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February 3, 2017

Ms. Teresa Dreyfuss
Superintendent/President
Rio Hondo College
3600 Workman Mill Road
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Dear President Dreyfuss:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 11-13, 2017, reviewed the Follow-Up Report and evidentiary materials submitted by Rio Hondo College and the External Evaluation Team Follow-Up Report (Team Report) prepared by the evaluation team that visited on October 20, 2016. College leadership, including the president of the governing board and the College president, certified the College's report. The purpose of the Commission's review was to determine whether the College had resolved deficiencies noted during the fall 2014 comprehensive review and now meets Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies (hereafter called Standards).

After considering the material noted above, the Commission finds that the College has addressed Recommendations 1 3, 4, and 7 as noted by the fall 2014 comprehensive evaluation team, corrected the deficiencies, and meets Standards I.B, II.A. II.A.2, II.A.6.b, III.A.1.c, and USDE Regulations 602.17(f) and (g). The next report from Rio Hondo College will be the Midterm Report due in **fall 2018**.¹

The Commission requires the College give the Follow-Up Report, the Team Report, and this letter appropriate dissemination to College staff and to those who were signatories of the Follow-Up Report, and that these documents be made available to students and to the public by posting them to 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 collaborative work that Rio Hondo College undertook to prepare the Follow-Up Report and to support the work of the external evaluation team.

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: www.accjc.org/college-reports-accjc

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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.

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, appearing to read "Richard Winn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Winn, Ed.D.
Interim President

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