



Statement Regarding Mission College's Accreditation Status

June 29, 2015

On June 29, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) informed Mission College that it has been removed from Probation status and issued Warning. ACCJC found that Mission College had addressed five of the ten recommendations from the 2014 comprehensive evaluation, noting the commitment from the college and encouraging continuation of our work to fully address the remaining five recommendations. The college is required to submit a "Follow-Up report" by March 1, 2016, followed by an external evaluation team visit. Mission College maintains its accredited status during this follow-up period.

The ACCJC reviews a college's accreditation status every six years. The commission determines accreditation status through the use of a self-evaluation report put together by the institution under review, a report from a team that visits the college, and the institution's accreditation history. If a college is found to not meet ACCJC standards, it can receive a sanction of Warning, Probation or the most severe, Show Cause.

Over the next year, Mission College must implement five ACCJC recommendations to ensure full compliance with the commission's standards and have the warning removed. The commission's recommendations primarily focus on completing cycles for ongoing and systematic evaluation in planning and the assessment of student learning outcomes.

"The ACCJC standards are an important, voluntary mechanism for peer evaluation and improvement," President Daniel Peck notes. "While we have significant work before us, we believe completion of these tasks will improve our effectiveness in serving the community and our students. We will do everything required of us to ensure that we continue to provide the highest quality service and education which promotes student success."

From a practical everyday perspective, it is important to note that the issuance of warning will have no direct impact on students. Transcripts remain the same, courses are still eligible for transfer, and the college will award financial aid just as it did before.

"We are still accredited during this warning period and will continue to provide services and classes to our students no different from before," Peck said. "Looking forward, this experience will actually improve our internal processes for evaluation and planning, leading to even stronger experiences for our students in the future."