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Dr. Deborah Travis President Cosumnes River College 8401 Center Parkway Sacramento, CA 95823

Dear President Travis:

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 Cosumnes River 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 Cosumnes River College, in its Midterm Report, responded to all three recommendations from the comprehensive review and reviewed progress on self-identified plans for improvement.

In its report, the College noted that it had accelerated its timelines for defining course-level outcomes and assessing program and college-level outcomes in order to meet the Commission's deadline for proficiency; that a web-based, automated program review system to better streamline and link program review, integrated planning, and resource allocation processes had been developed and enhanced; and that the purposes of each of the College's shared governance committees was widely shared resulting in several committees making changes to their structure and charge.

Institutions are expected to meet 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.

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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 your College report. This group should include the Chancellor, 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 Cosumnes River 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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