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June 30, 2010

Mr. Randall Lawrence
Superintendent/President
College of the Siskiyous
800 College Avenue
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Dear President Lawrence:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 9-11, 2010, reviewed the institutional Self Study Report and the report of the evaluation team which visited College of the Siskiyous Monday, March 1-Thursday, March 4, 2010. The Commission acted to **issue Warning** and to ask that College of the Siskiyous correct the deficiencies noted. The College is required to complete a Follow-Up Report by **March 15, 2011**. That report will be followed by a visit of Commission representatives.

Warning is issued when the Commission finds that an institution has pursued a course of action which deviates from the Commission's Eligibility Requirements, Standards of Accreditation, or policy to an extent that raises a concern regarding the ability of the institution to meet Accreditation Standards. The accredited status of the institution continues during the Warning period. However, the institution's accreditation will not be reaffirmed until the conditions which warranted the Warning are resolved. The Warning is being issued at this time for deficiencies identified in the team report and associated with Recommendations 1, 2, 3, and 7.

The Follow-Up Report of March 15, 2011 should demonstrate resolution of the deficiencies associated with the recommendations noted below:

Recommendation 1. Research Capacity

In order to fully comply with the standards, the team recommends the college increase the research capacity of the institution to conduct the college's research agenda, to assist college staff with the use of research-based information in decision-making, and to ensure that the college's planning and resource-allocation processes are infused with relevant and timely information on the effectiveness of the institutional practices and student learning (IB.2, IB.3, IB.6, IIA.1.C, IIB.4, IIIA, IIIB, IIIC, IIID.3, IVB.2.B).

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Recommendation 2. Program Review

In order to fully comply with the standards, the team recommends that all college departments and programs complete the annual program review and strengthen its linkages to the college's planning and resource allocation processes. The team further recommends that the college make its mission statement and detailed student achievement and student learning data central in the dialogue and reflection that inform the program review, institutional planning, and all college decision-making processes (IB.1 – 7, IIA.2, IIB.3, IIB.4, IIC.2).

Recommendation 3. Evaluation

In order to fully comply with the standards, the team recommends the college conduct regular, rigorous and inclusive evaluation(s) of its participatory governance, program review, and planning processes. The results of the evaluation(s) should be broadly communicated to the campus community and the Board of Trustees, and the evaluation results should be central to process improvement (IB.1, IB.3, IB.6, IIC.2, IVA.5).

Recommendation 7. Strategic Plan

In order to fully comply with the standards, the team recommends the college's new strategic plan fully integrate human resources, facilities, technology, and financial resources to support the college's short- and long-range needs (IIIA.6, IIIB.2, IIIC.1.c, IIID.1.a).

I wish to inform you that under U.S. Department of Education regulations, institutions out of compliance with standards or on sanction are expected to correct deficiencies within a two-year period or the Commission must take action to terminate accreditation. College of the Siskiyous must complete correction of the deficiencies noted no later than March 15, 2012.

Commission Reminder: The Commission expects that institutions meet standards that require the identification and assessment of student learning outcomes, and the use of assessment data to plan and implement improvements to educational quality, by fall 2012. The Commission reminds College of the Siskiyous that it must be prepared to demonstrate that it meets these standards by fall 2012 (Standards I.B.1, II.A.2.e, II.A.2.f, II.B.4, and II.C.2).

The college conducted a comprehensive self study as part of its evaluation. The Commission suggests that the plans for improvement of the institution included in the self study report be incorporated into the institution's operational work to support the continuing improvement of College of the Siskiyous.

The recommendations contained in the Evaluation Team Report represent the observations of the evaluation team at the time of the visit. The Commission reminds you that while an institution may concur or disagree with any part of the team report, the college is expected to use the team report to improve educational programs and services, and is expected to resolve the issues identified by the Commission.

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I have previously sent you a copy of the Evaluation Team Report. Additional copies may now be duplicated. The Commission requires you to give the team report and this letter dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of your college Self Study Report. This group should include the campus leadership and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that the team report and the Self Study Report be made available to students and the public. Placing copies in the college library can accomplish this. Should you want an electronic copy of the report, please contact Commission staff.

Finally, ACCJC staff is available to assist the College with consultation and advice on the recommendations identified above.

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,

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

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Board President, Siskiyous Joint Community College District
Dr. William Duncan, Team Chair