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Dr. Gregory South Acting President College of the Siskiyous 800 College Ave Weed, CA 96094

Dear President South:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting on June 4-6, 2014, reviewed the Special Financial Review Report and the Report of the External Evaluation Team that visited College of the Siskiyous Tuesday, April 22, 2014. The purpose of the Special Report was to provide more current information to the Commission about the College's compliance with Accreditation Standards.

The Commission acted to require College of the Siskiyous to submit a **Follow-Up Report** by **March 15, 2015** ¹. The Report should provide evidence to demonstrate that the College has fully resolved the Financial Reviewers Panel Report's Recommendation 1, noted below, resolved the deficiencies, and meets Accreditation Standards III.D.1.c and III.D.3

Recommendation 1: Develop a long range budget plan to resolve OPEB financing. Standards III.D.1.c and III.D.3.c require the institution to plan for short- and long-range liabilities.

The Special Financial Review Report submitted in March 2014 and the External Evaluation Team Report will become part of the accreditation history of the College. The Commission requires that you give the Special Report, the External Evaluation Report, and this letter appropriate dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of your Special Report. This group should include the campus leadership and the Board of Trustees.

The Commission also requires that the Special Report, the External Evaluation 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.*

Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies at all times during the six-year review cycle.

Dr. Gregory South College of the Siskiyous July 3, 2014

College of the Siskiyous must demonstrate to the Commission at the time of the next regularly scheduled report that the College has addressed this recommendation, fully resolved the deficiencies, and meets Eligibility Requirements and Accreditation Standards.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express continuing interest in the institution's educational programs and services. Professional self-regulation is the most effective means of assuring institutional integrity, effectiveness, educational quality, and student success.

Sincerely,

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