



From : District Communications
To : Website Visitors and District Employees
Date : July 11, 2014
Subject : San José City College and Evergreen Valley College Remain FULLY ACCREDITED

This communication is to reassert to our students and community that both Evergreen Valley College and San José City College are FULLY ACCREDITED.

Every six years community colleges are reviewed by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (Commission) to ensure that all Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies are met.

At its June 4-6 meetings, the Commission reviewed follow-up reports submitted by EVC and SJCC. In the attached 7.3.2014 letters to the Colleges, the Commission noted that the colleges were found to be out of compliance with Standard III.A.1.c. The Commission imposed “Probation” and required the colleges to submit a Follow-Up Report by March 15, 2015 providing evidence that Standard III.A.1.c has been met. The letters also state that “**The accredited status of the institution continues during the probation period.**”

The compliance issue cited by the Commission is but one part, of only one section of the accrediting criteria, and focuses on a complex labor relations issue faced by all community colleges across the state – an issue on which we feel we have made tremendous progress over the past year. The issue concerns the process by which we evaluate our faculty members’ effectiveness, and ensuring that student learning outcomes are included as a component of their evaluation. The District has already begun the process to reengage with our academic senates and our faculty association (AFT 6157). In fact, at a Board of Trustees meeting on July 8, 2014 these faculty representatives expressed unanimous support for moving forward in a collaborative manner.

Our District is proud of its markers of excellence including:

- Fully accredited Career Technical Education programs
- Nationally ranked and accredited School of Nursing
- Approved Associate Degrees for Transfer, which directly benefit students who are planning to transfer to the California State University system
- 65% increase in the number of degrees awarded in 2014 as compared to 2011
- Meeting and exceeding our workforce preparation goals including achieving 100 percent of our Youth Employment Program enrollment goals, followed by a 91 percent subsequent placement rate in unsubsidized employment or post-secondary education goal
- Perfect audit of our fiscal records and bonds management processes
- Credit ratings from Moody’s and Standard and Poor’s that are among the highest standards within the California Community College system
- Construction and upgrade of stellar teaching facilities, technology infrastructures and revamped websites.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to email webcontact@sjeccd.edu. San José-Evergreen Community College District is fully committed to achieving our Mission “To meet the diverse educational and workforce needs of our community by empowering our students to become agents for economic change.”