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eMEMO
Office of the Superintendent/President
Greg Schulz, Ed.D.

DATE: January 27, 2022
TO: Citrus College Colleagues
FROM: Greg Schulz, Ed.D., Superintendent/President
RE: **A Message from Superintendent/President Schulz**

Dear Colleagues,

I hope that you, your family and your friends are well. As we approach the end of the winter term and look forward to the spring term, I wanted to share a few updates with you to keep you informed.

Accreditation Update from ACCJC

Earlier today, we received an update from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) regarding the accreditation status of Citrus College, and I have outstanding news to share. The commission acted to reaffirm our accreditation for *seven* years. This is the best possible action a college can receive and I am so proud of our campus community. More than 80 faculty, staff and students contributed to this multi-year process, including our current accreditation co-chairs, Dr. Joumana McGowan and Dr. Cathrine Besancon; Dr. Dana Hester; and our former colleagues Dr. Arvid Spor and Dr. Geraldine M. Perri. In addition, many other faculty and staff participated throughout the virtual site visit, and on an ongoing basis as part of our planning and governance process. This was a collective effort and we can be very proud of this achievement. We will be posting a copy of the letter from ACCJC, along with the final Team Report on our website. For now, I have included a copy of the letter from ACCJC with this communication.

Winter Session

In my previous campus communication, I shared that the College was reviewing our winter term schedule and moving additional classes online. Thanks to the collaborative work of deans, staff, and full-time and adjunct faculty, we moved 30 additional winter term classes online. I also shared that many classified staff members would be moving to a hybrid schedule on a temporary basis. This primarily involved classified staff working in some of the more densely populated areas on campus and was set to expire on January 31. As an update, I wanted to share that these temporary schedules are now being extended through Friday, February 11, with a return to the previous schedules planned for Monday, February 14. Thank you to our classified staff for your flexibility and for providing support to our students and campus in both in person and remote formats. I also want to thank our managers and supervisors for your efforts to work with staff to implement these temporary schedules and provide support.

Spring Semester

We are quickly approaching the spring term and I am eager to welcome both new and returning students as they move one step closer to achieving their academic, professional and personal goals. Teams at the College continue to analyze enrollment trends and recommend adjustments to best meet the needs of our students. Thanks to the collaborative work of deans, staff, full-time and adjunct faculty, the College has moved a total of 55 spring term classes that were previously scheduled to be held on campus to an online format. The College will still offer a significant number of classes on campus, and our student support services will remain accessible to all students who are learning on campus or remotely.

Virtual Open Office Hour

Since joining Citrus College, it has been a joy to meet with so many of you, either in person or via Zoom. I'd like to thank the faculty, staff, and students who visited with me during my open office hour earlier this week. If you'd like to visit with me or share your input on a particular topic, I invite you to join me during my next virtual open office hour on Friday, February 25, at 3 p.m. I am also planning to host a Superintendent/President Open Forum this spring that will be open to all students, employees and members of the community. Details on this event will be shared in the future.

Booster Shots Offered on Campus

In collaboration with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Citrus College will host a COVID-19 booster-only vaccine clinic in the Campus Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Friday, January 28. The clinic is open to students, employees and community members. To sign up, visit myturn.ca.gov and enter "Citrus College" as your location. Additional vaccine clinics will be held on campus in the coming weeks.

A Note of Thanks

In closing, I want to express my gratitude to each of you for the grace and resilience you continue to show as we work together as a team and serve our students. Thank you for leading with love, and for treating each other with compassion. You help make the Citrus College experience come to life for our students and each other, every day. I also want to thank you for being flexible and accommodating as we work to provide a safe learning and working environment, while also ensuring that students have access to quality instruction and services.

I wish you good health and much success this winter and spring!

Sincerely,



Greg Schulz, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President

January 27, 2022

Dr. Greg Schulz
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Dear Dr. Schulz:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 12-14, 2022, reviewed the Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) and evidentiary materials submitted by Citrus College. The Commission also considered the Peer Review Team Report (Team Report) prepared by the peer review team that conducted its site visit to the College October 12-13, 2021.

The purpose of this review was to determine whether the College continues to meet ACCJC's Eligibility Requirements, Commission Policies, and Accreditation Standards (hereinafter, the Standards). Upon consideration of the written information noted above, the Commission acted to **Reaffirm Accreditation** for seven years.

Compliance Requirements

None.

The Peer Review Team Report noted Recommendation 1 for improving institutional effectiveness. This recommendation does not identify current areas of deficiency in institutional practice, but consistent with its mission to foster continuous improvement through the peer review process, the Commission encourages institutions to give serious consideration to these recommendations and the advice contained in the Peer Review Team Report. In the Midterm Report, the College will include actions taken in response to the improvement recommendation.

Next Steps

The Peer Review Team Report provides details of the peer review team's findings, including areas of noteworthy practice. The guidance and recommendations contained in the Peer Review

Team Report represent the best advice of the team at the time of the visit but may not describe all that is necessary for the college to improve. A final copy of the Peer Review Team Report is attached.

The Commission requires that you disseminate the ISER, the Peer Review Team Report, and this letter to those who were signatories of the ISER, and that you make these documents available to all campus constituencies and the public by placing copies on the College website. Please note that in response to public interest in accreditation, the Commission requires institutions to post current accreditation information on a Web page no more than one click from the institution's home page. In keeping with ACCJC policy, the Commission action will also be posted on the ACCJC website within 30 days of the date of the Commission's action.

The next report from the College will be the Midterm Report¹ due on October 15, 2025. The institution's next comprehensive review will begin with Team ISER Review in the spring term of 2028 and conclude with a Focused Site Visit in the fall term of 2028.

On behalf of the Commission, we wish to express appreciation for the diligent work and thoughtful reflection that Citrus College undertook to prepare for this review. These efforts confirm that peer review can serve well the multiple constituencies of higher education by both ensuring and encouraging institutional quality and effectiveness.

If you have any questions about this letter or the Commission's action, please feel free to contact Dr. Cindy Miles or the vice president assigned as liaison to your institution.

Sincerely,



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cc: Dr. Joumana McGowan, Accreditation Liaison Officer

¹ Institutions preparing and submitting Midterm Reports, Follow-up Reports, Special Reports, or Teach-out Plans/Agreements to the Commission should review *Guidelines for Preparing Institutional Reports to the Commission*, found on the ACCJC website at <https://accjc.org/guides-and-manuals/>.