

June 28, 2019

Dr. Joel Kinnamon, Superintendent/President
College of the Desert
43-500 Monterey Avenue
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Dear President Kinnamon:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 5-7, 2019, reviewed the Follow-Up Report and related evidentiary materials submitted by College of the Desert. The purpose of this review was to determine whether the College has appropriately responded to the issues as identified by the peer review team at the time of the last visit and as expressed in the Commission's Action Letter of January 26, 2018, and whether the College has demonstrated compliance with the related Standards.

Upon consideration of the information noted above, the Commission acted to **find compliance and reaffirm accreditation for the remainder of the cycle**. The Commission finds that College of the Desert has addressed the compliance requirements, corrected deficiencies, and meets Standard II.A.3. The next report from the College will be the Midterm Report¹ due on October 15, 2021. The institution's next comprehensive review will occur in the fall term of 2024.

The Commission requires the College to disseminate the Follow-Up Report and this letter within the institution, including by posting them on the College's website.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express appreciation for the diligent work and thoughtful reflection that College of the Desert undertook to respond to these requirements. These efforts confirm that peer review can well serve 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 me as the assigned liaison to your institution.

Sincerely,



Richard Winn, Ed.D.
President

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cc: Dr. Annabelle Nery, Accreditation Liaison Officer

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