

January 26, 2018

Dr. Marie-Elaine Burns, Interim President
Merritt College
12500 Campus Drive
Oakland, CA 94619

Dear Interim President Burns:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 10-12, 2018, reviewed the Follow-Up Report and related evidentiary materials submitted by Merritt College. The Commission also considered the External Evaluation Team Follow-Up Report prepared by the follow-up team that visited the institution on Wednesday, October 25, 2017. 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 February 3, 2017 and whether the College has demonstrated compliance with the related Standards.

Upon consideration of the information noted above, the Commission acted to **Remove Warning and Reaffirm Accreditation for the remainder of the cycle**. The Commission finds that Merritt College has addressed the College Recommendation 6, corrected deficiencies, and meets Standards. The next report from the College will be the Midterm Report¹ due on March 15, 2018. The institution's next comprehensive review will occur in the spring term of 2021.

The Commission requires the College to disseminate the Follow-Up Report, the Team 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 Merritt College 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 or the vice president that has been assigned as liaison to your institution.

Sincerely,



Richard Winn, Ed.D.
President

cc: Dr. Jowel Laguerre, Chancellor, Peralta Community College District
Dr. Jeffrey Lamb, 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/>.