

## ACCREDITING COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES

WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

June 14, 2022

Ms. Denise Whisenhunt President Grossmont College 8800 Grossmont College Drive El Cajon, CA 92020

Dear Ms. Whisenhunt:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 1-3, 2022, reviewed the Follow-Up Report and related evidentiary materials submitted by Grossmont College. The Commission also considered the Peer Review Team Follow-Up Report prepared by the follow-up team that visited the institution on March 23, 2022. The purpose of this review was to determine whether the College has addressed the deficiencies identified by the peer review team during the fall 2019 comprehensive visit and demonstrated compliance with the Standards cited in the Commission's Action Letter of June 28, 2021.

Upon consideration of the information noted above, the Commission acted to **Reaffirm Accreditation for the remainder of the cycle**. The Commission finds that Grossmont College has addressed the compliance requirements, corrected deficiencies, and meets Standards I.B.2, II.A.3, and II.A.16. 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. A final copy of the Peer Review Team Report is attached.

The next report from the College will be the Midterm Report<sup>1</sup> due on October 15, 2023. The institution's next comprehensive review will begin with Team ISER Review in the spring term of 2026 and conclude with a Focused Site Visit in the fall term of 2026.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 <u>https://accjc.org/guides-and-manuals/</u>.

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

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

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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