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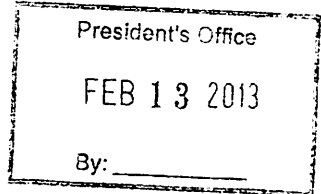
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February 11, 2013



Dr. Dena Maloney  
Superintendent/President  
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Dear President Maloney:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 9-11, 2013, considered the Midterm Report submitted by Taft College. The purpose of this review was to assure that the recommendations made by the evaluation team had been addressed by the institution and that the College had also provided an update on the self-identified planning agendas which were included in the institutional Self Study Report.

The Commission noted that Taft College, in its Midterm Report, responded to all five recommendations from the comprehensive review and reviewed progress on self-identified plans for improvement. The College report noted: all components of the framework for integrating program review/program planning and strategic planning processes have been implemented at least once, all program reviews have been through two cycles and include an evaluation, and the full integrated planning process is evaluated every three years; student learning outcomes at the course and program levels have been developed and are aligned and assessed; assessment results have been used to identify and implement improvements; and participatory processes were undertaken to develop a campus wide code of ethics with involvement by faculty, management, and classified staff.

Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards and Commission policies at all times during the six-year review cycle and to provide evidence that they have addressed and resolved all recommendations made by the previous comprehensive evaluation team. At the time of the next regularly scheduled visit, the evaluation team will examine evidence and confirm that these College changes and improvements have been sustained.

Dr. Dena Maloney  
Taft College  
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The Midterm Report will become part of the accreditation history of the College and should be used in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation. The Commission requires that you give the report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of your College report. This group should include the campus leadership, and the Board of Trustees.

The Commission also requires that the Midterm Report and this Commission action letter be made available to students and the public by placing a copy on the College website. *Please note that in response to public interest in disclosure, the Commission now requires institutions to post accreditation information on a page no farther than one click from the institution's home page.*

Please note that the next comprehensive evaluation of Taft College will occur in **Fall 2015**.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to convey continued interest in the institution's educational quality and students' success. Professional self-regulation is the most effective means of assuring integrity, effectiveness, and quality.

Sincerely,



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President

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