ACCJC ACCREDITATION ELIGIBILITY AND ACCREDITATION STANDARDS ADOPTED
You may recall we have been participating over the past year along with all other community colleges in our system in the revision of ACCJC Eligibility Requirements and Standards. The ACCJC met this month and adopted the revised standards that will be the basis for all accreditation evaluations beginning Spring 2016.

You will also recall that we are preparing to submit our accreditation report this October in accordance with our current “warning” status following our show cause removal. We have been aware of the possible new requirements and standards but are still held accountable to the requirements/standards that are currently in place.

Please see the announcement below from the ACCJC and attached materials for your review and reference.

DATE: June 20, 2014

TO: Chief Executive Officers and Accreditation Liaison Officers

FROM: Krista Johns, Vice President for Policy and Research

SUBJECT: Eligibility Requirements and Accreditation Standards Adopted at the June 2014 Commission Meeting

At its June 2014 meeting, in Public Session, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC) adopted revised Eligibility Requirements and Accreditation Standards. The adoption culminated the Review of Accreditation Standards and Practices that began in November, 2011, the identification of needed revisions to standards in June 2013, and resulting First Reading approval of revisions in January 2014. During the Spring 2014 public comment period, additional revisions were made from input submitted in writing and during public hearings.

The new standards will be the basis for comprehensive institutional evaluations for reaffirmation of accreditation beginning spring 2016. The new standards are, for all other purposes, effective upon adoption, and may be used by institutions wishing to develop a baccalaureate degree.
An annotated version of the Standards will be developed, to link relevant regulations and Commission policies with standards for convenient reference. A glossary of terms will also be included with the annotated version.

Eligibility Requirements, Adopted June 2014

Accreditation Standards, Adopted June 2014

Respectfully,

Stan A. Carrizosa