



**ACCREDITING COMMISSION for COMMUNITY and JUNIOR COLLEGES**  
*Western Association of Schools and Colleges*

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**To:** All Presidents, Superintendents, Chancellors, ALOs,  
Constituency Groups, and Other Interested Parties

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**Subject:** Planned Commission/ACCJC Listening Sessions

In late August, Chancellor Brice Harris released the California Chancellor's Office Task Force on Accreditation Report to the public. In response to that report, and to better understand the report's conclusions and any other concerns member institutions may have about the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) standards and practices relative to the Task Force Report, the Commission held a Special Meeting in Sacramento, California on October 9, 2015.

Thirteen people gave oral commentary to the Commission, and additional persons sent in written comments. At the meeting's conclusion, the Commission issued a press release (attached) about the value of the discussion for the Commission as it reflects on its practices and considers additional changes to those being implemented this year with the new Accreditation Standards. The Commission also committed to having additional meetings with the member institutions in California in order to provide opportunity for input and discussion of the Task Force Report, or any other input the member colleges wish to provide.

To that purpose, we are writing to announce the first two additional discussion and listening sessions. These, and future sessions planned for after the new year, may be located in a place that is convenient for you to attend, and we hope you will do so.

**Friday, October 30, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
Bakersfield College  
Levan Center  
1801 Panorama Drive  
Bakersfield, CA 93305  
Parking is off Haley Street; no permit is required.

**Friday, November 13, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
Rancho Santiago Community College District Offices  
Board Room #107  
2323 N. Broadway  
Santa Ana, CA 92706  
Parking is located adjacent to the building; no permit is required.

These sessions will be open to the public so that interested others may attend. While the entire Commission will not be present, there will be adequate representation of Commissioners who will be bringing the information learned back to the Commission as a whole.

We hope that you will be able to attend one of these or future discussion/listening sessions, but if you wish to submit your comments in writing at any time, please send them to:

ACCJC  
ATTN: Written Comments  
10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204  
Novato, CA 94949

OR

By email to [ACCJC@accjc.org](mailto:ACCJC@accjc.org).

A comment form is attached here for convenience.

Attachments