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VIA EMAIL & FEDERAL EXPRESS (info@westorangecollege.com)

Mr. John Kim, Executive Director West Orange College 905 S Euclid Street Fullerton, CA 92832

> Re.: Initial Accreditation Denial – Final Action ACCET ID# 1418

Dear Mr. Kim:

This letter is written to advise you that the denial of initial accreditation of West Orange College by the Accrediting Commission of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training (ACCET) was affirmed by the ACCET Appeals Panel at the March 31, 2014 hearing. The Accrediting Commission denied initial accreditation to West Orange College in its letter dated December 13, 2013, citing thirteen (13) findings of non-compliance, along with specifying an opportunity to appeal the decision. The institution submitted its request to appeal and subsequently provided its appeals brief and exhibits, dated February 21, 2014, and additional exhibits, dated March 27, 2014. Upon review of the institution's brief and exhibits at the March 31, 2014 hearing, the panel affirmed the Commission's findings, as referenced in the enclosed Decision of the Appeals Panel. Therefore, the decision to deny initial accreditation to the institution is a final action.

As a closing note, the institution has the opportunity to provide a narrative to the Commission's action within 15 days of receipt of this letter. ACCET reserves the right to redact any inappropriate or inflammatory comments prior to posting the response on the website. It remains our hope that the accreditation process has served to focus the institution's resources and commitment towards strengthening its operations through the systematic and effective implementation of policies and procedures that ensure the highest level of quality and integrity.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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Enclosure: Decision of the Appeals Panel

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March 31, 2014

In re: West Orange College #1418

AFFIRM DECISION Re: Denial of Accreditation

Appeal of the decision of the Accrediting Commission of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training at its December 2013 meeting, denying initial accreditation to West Orange College, 905 S. Euclid Street, Fullerton, CA 92832.

## **DECISION OF THE APPEALS PANEL**

Having considered, during the Appeals Hearing on March 31, 2014. the record before the Accrediting Commission when it made its decision in this case at its December 2013 meeting and the institution's written appeals brief and exhibits, dated February 11, 2014 and March 27, 2014, the members of the Appeals Panel unanimously find with regard to the citations outlined in the December 13, 2013 Commission action letter, as follows:

The institution is in violation of the following standards as set forth in the Commission's decision letter of December 13, 2013:

- 1) Standard I-B Goals
- 2) Standard III-B Financial Procedures
- 3) Standard IV-A Educational Goals and Objectives
- 4) Standard IV-B <u>Program/Instructional Materials</u>
- 5) Standard IV-C <u>Performance Measurements</u>
- 6) Standard IV-D Curriculum Review/Revision
- 7) Standard VI-C Instructor Orientation and Training
- 8) Standard VII-B Enrollment
- 9) Standard VII-C Transfer of Credit
- 10) Standard VIII-A Student Progress
- 11) Standard VIII-B Attendance
- 12) Standard VIII-D Employer/Sponsor Satisfaction
- 13) Standard VIII-E Completion and Placement

The Appeals Panel acknowledges that the institution has initiated some corrective actions to improve its operation; however these actions were incomplete and without sufficient validation of their systematic and effective implementation prior to the Commission's December 7, 2013 decision. Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the members of the Appeals Panel to affirm the Commission's decision conveyed in the December 13, 2013 action letter.

APPEALS P<del>ANE</del>L

Mr. Leslie Bennett Chairperson

**CONCURRING** 

Ms. Nadine Baladi Ms. Jill Fisher