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Dear Ms. Smith:

President Barbara Beno forwarded to me the ASCCC comments on accreditation standards and practices submitted by your letter dated December 17, 2013. Thank you for sending the several pages of resolutions from the Fall 2013 Plenary Session.

As you note in your letter, the ACCJC has reviewed and addressed the voluminous input received from the field since November 2011 in development of its draft revised standards. The final draft revisions of eligibility requirements and accreditation standards approved for first reading at this month's Commission meeting will be posted on the ACCJC website and sent to colleges by the end of this month. There will be a period for comment on the revisions prior to consideration of the revisions for adoption by the Commission.

Changes in accreditation practices are currently under consideration, as well. The many suggestions received since November 2011 are under review, along with areas identified by the Commission.

I note there are resolutions in your letter that pertain to the accredited status of City College of San Francisco. As you know, the Commission's actions on an institution follow processes and procedures to ensure the review of an institution is based upon evidence as it pertains to Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies. It would not be appropriate and it is not permissible for the Commission to consider suggestions from external parties for how to address the outcome of a particular college's review.

Sincerely,

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