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March 9, 2015

Dr. Ronald Taylor
Superintendent/President
Merced College
3600 M Street
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Dear President Taylor:

The Committee on Substantive Change of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges met March 5, 2015 to review the Substantive Change Proposal from Merced College for the new Digital Arts Degree and Certificate program.

The Committee acted to approve the request.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express continuing interest in the institution's educational programs and services. It remains the College's responsibility to inform the Commission of any program change. Professional self-regulation is the most effective means of assuring integrity, effectiveness and institutional quality.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Clifford, Ed.D.
Vice President

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Cc: Dr. Mary Gilliland, Accreditation Liaison Officer
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