

February 1, 2021

Dr. David Johnson  
President  
Merritt College  
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Dear Dr. Johnson:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 13-15, 2021, reviewed the Fiscal Monitoring Special Report and related evidentiary materials submitted by Merritt College. The Commission also considered the Fiscal Monitoring Peer Review Team Report prepared by the fiscal monitoring team that visited the institution December 16 - 17, 2020. The Commission considered the spoken testimony of Dr. David M. Johnson, President, and Dr. Carla Walter, Interim Chancellor. The Commission found these additional perspectives to be helpful. The purpose of this review was to determine whether the College has appropriately responded to the fiscal issues identified by the Commission in its Action Letter of January 27, 2020, and whether the College has demonstrated compliance with the related policies and Standards.

Upon consideration of the information noted above, the Commission acted to **Defer Action**. **The accredited status of the institution remains unchanged and continues during the Probation period.** The college is currently undergoing comprehensive review with a team visit scheduled in Spring 2021. A decision on the college's accredited status will take place during the Commission's meeting scheduled June 9 – 11, 2021.

If you have any questions about this letter or the Commission's action, please feel free to contact Dr. Stephanie Droker or the vice president that has been assigned as liaison to your institution.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Droker, Ed.D.



Sonya Christian, Ed.D.

cc: Dr. Carla Walter, Interim Chancellor, Peralta Community College District  
Ms. Denise Richardson, Accreditation Liaison Officer