



News Release

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Cuesta College Commits to Quickly Resolving Accreditation Recommendations

As a result of the normal periodic review process undertaken by institutions of higher education, Cuesta College learned Friday that it has been put on warning status by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

A news conference is scheduled today at 2:30 PM in the President's office in building 8000 on the San Luis Obispo campus to address this issue.

Cuesta College remains an accredited institution. This action does not affect Cuesta College's accreditation status, but does require action to address issues found by the Commission. The accredited status of the institution continues during the warning period and Cuesta College's classes, past and present, are transferable to other colleges. The college is required to complete a follow-up report by October, 15, 2009.

Prior to receiving notification, work was underway to address some of the process improvements identified in the recommendations from the Commission. The college views the Commission's recommendations as an opportunity to improve Cuesta's processes and procedures to benefit its students.

"We understand the seriousness of being placed on warning, and we will work together to address the Commission's recommendations in the time-line required by the Commission," said Dr. Dave Pelham, Superintendent/President of Cuesta College.

Please see the attached letter from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Additional information on accreditation is available from their website: <http://www.accjc.org>

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