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Willow International Community College Center
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Dear Chancellor Blue and President Ikeda:

This letter confirms our conversation yesterday that Willow International Community College Center, having achieved Candidacy for Accreditation status in January 2013, has scheduled its review for initial accreditation for spring, 2015. The college will be reminded through regular processes of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of the need to select an External Evaluation Team visit date and of the deadline for submitting a Self Evaluation Report of Educational Quality and Institutional Effectiveness.

The Willow International Community College Center is now considered a college for purposes of accreditation, operating under the accreditation of Reedley College. Given this new status of Willow International Community College Center, upcoming tasks include:

- Aligning the Governance Structure of the State Center Community College District to reflect the college's status
- Deciding upon and implementing a name change indicative of the college's new candidacy status with the ACCJC
- Notifying the ACCJC of the appointed Accreditation Liaison Officer
- Informing each programmatic accrediting body of the college's candidacy status
- Informing the California Community Colleges of the college's candidacy status
- Providing appropriate notice to students and the public of the institution's status and that it will continue to be operated under the accreditation of Reedley College until it achieves its initial accreditation

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Institutions having achieved Candidacy for Accreditation are subject to the conditions stated in the *Eligibility, Candidacy, and Initial Accreditation Manual*. If an institution wishes to describe its candidate status publicly, it must use the following statement in its entirety. Note that both paragraphs are required. The Commission Policy on Representation of Accredited Status is enclosed. Any modification or extension of the statement may lead to immediate revocation of candidacy.

Willow International Community College Center is a Candidate for Accreditation by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, 10 Commercial Boulevard, Suite 204, Novato, CA 94949, (415) 506-0234, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education.

Candidate for Accreditation is a status of preliminary affiliation with the Commission initially awarded for two years. Candidacy is not accreditation and does not assure eventual accreditation. Willow International Community College Center will undergo its next accreditation review in 2015.

Candidate for Accreditation status is granted for a term of two years, and may be renewed once. During candidacy, an institution is expected to prepare to meet all standards of accreditation and demonstrate this at the time of the Comprehensive Review for initial accreditation.

The ACCJC will be amending its *Directory of Accredited Institutions* to indicate that Willow International Community College Center is a Candidate for Accreditation and that the State Center Community College District has a third college. Our staff will be contacting you for directory data and enrollment information.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express continuing interest in the institution's educational programs and services.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Mr. Michael White, Interim President, Reedley College

Enclosure