

February 1, 2021

Dr. Daren Otten  
Superintendent/President  
Copper Mountain College  
6162 Rotary Way  
Joshua Tree, CA 92252

Dear Dr. Otten:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 13-15, 2021, reviewed the Follow-Up Report and related evidentiary materials submitted by Copper Mountain College. The Commission also considered the spoken testimony of Dr. Daren Otten, President, Dr. Michael Reese, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs and Achievement, and Dr. Alma Correa, Dean of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness. 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 issues as identified by the peer review team at the time of the last visit and as expressed in the Commission's Action Letter of June 28, 2019, and whether the College has demonstrated compliance with the related Standards.

Upon consideration of the information noted above, the Commission found continued non-compliance with Standards I.B.2, II.A.3, and II.A.11 (Compliance Requirement 1) and acted to **grant a Good Cause Extension**. The College is required to **submit a Follow-Up Report by November 1, 2021**, which will be followed by a visit from a peer review team. The accredited status of the institution continues during the good cause extension period.

The Commission requires the College to disseminate this Follow-Up Report, and this letter within the institution, including by posting them on the College's website. The Commission looks forward to receiving the College's second Follow-Up Report to address the deficiencies. The Commission has granted as much time as allowable under Federal regulations and will be obligated to take an adverse action if the Standards are not met.

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,

Handwritten signature of Stephanie Droker in black ink.

Stephanie Droker, Ed.D.

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cc: Dr. Michael Reese, Accreditation Liaison Officer