

January 26, 2018

Ms. Katiina Dull, President  
Young Americans College of the Performing Arts  
1132 Olympic Drive  
Corona, CA 92881

Dear President Dull:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 10-12, 2018, reviewed the Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) and evidentiary materials submitted by Young Americans College of the Performing Arts. The Commission also considered the External Evaluation Team Report (Team Report) prepared by the peer review team that conducted its onsite visit to the College Monday, October 2, through Thursday, October 5, 2017.

The purpose of this review was to determine whether the College meets ACCJC's Eligibility Requirements, Commission Policies, and Accreditation Standards (hereinafter, the Standards). Upon consideration of the information noted above, the Commission acted to **grant Initial Accreditation for a period not to exceed seven years** to Young Americans College of the Performing Arts.

#### Recommendations for Improving Institutional Effectiveness

The Team Report noted Recommendations 1 to 9 for improving institutional effectiveness. These recommendations do not identify current areas of deficiency in institutional practice, but consistent with its mission to foster continuous improvement through the peer review process, the Commission encourages institutions to give serious consideration to the advice contained in the peer reviewers' recommendations. The Commission anticipates that you will bring them and the team's full report to the attention of your institution for serious consideration. In the Midterm Report, the College will include actions taken in response to the peer review team's improvement recommendations.

#### Next Steps

The Team Report provides details of the peer review team's findings with regard to the College's work. The guidance and recommendations contained in the Report represent the best advice of the peer review team at the time of the visit but may not describe all that is necessary for the college to continue to improve. A final copy of the Team Report is attached to the electronic version of this letter.

The Commission requires that you disseminate the ISER, the Team Report, and this letter to those who were signatories of the ISER and that you make these documents available to all campus constituencies and the public by placing copies on the College website.

Please note that in response to public interest in accreditation, the Commission requires institutions to post current accreditation information on a Web page no more than one click from the institution's home page. In keeping with ACCJC policy, the Commission's action will also be posted on the ACCJC website within 30 days of the date of this action.

The next report from the College will be the Midterm Report<sup>1</sup> due on October 15, 2021. The institution's next comprehensive review will occur in the fall term of 2024.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express appreciation for the diligent work and thoughtful reflection that Young Americans College of the Performing Arts undertook to prepare for this evaluation. These efforts confirm that peer review can well serve the multiple constituencies of higher education by both ensuring and encouraging institutional quality and effectiveness.

If you have any questions about this letter or the Commission's action, please feel free to contact me as the liaison to your institution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Winn", written over a horizontal line.

Richard Winn, Ed.D.  
President

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<sup>1</sup> Institutions preparing and submitting Midterm Reports, Follow-up Reports, and Special Reports to the Commission should review *Guidelines for the Preparing Institutional Reports to the Commission*, found on the ACCJC website at <https://accjc.org/publications/>.