April 14, 2014

Dear College Community,

As you may have heard it has been suggested by some that City College apply for “candidacy status” as a mechanism for addressing our current accreditation process. Candidacy would require us to withdraw our current accreditation.

Let me be clear: **we are not considering withdrawing our accreditation.** To do so would severely harm our current and future students as well as undermine our current enrollment efforts.

To reiterate some points I’ve previously made:

- We have submitted an appeal to the ACCJC and feel we have a very compelling case for retaining our accreditation.
- We have an outstanding internal team coordinating this process, including outside counsel with expertise in academic appellate matters.
- We will take advantage of all of the steps available to an institution such as ours to retain accreditation. We are working diligently and tirelessly to pursue a favorable outcome.
- Over the past two years enormous progress has been made in addressing the findings of the accreditors and FCMAT. We are approaching completion of nearly 85% of the 323 identified items cited by the accreditors, FCMAT and our own leadership as essential to retaining our accreditation. This is remarkable.

In the meantime I will continue to do everything possible to keep you fully informed of our efforts.

**Most important for us to remember:** We are accredited. We are open. And we are enrolling Summer and **Fall** students now.

Finally, thank you for everything you do, every day, to make this a special place that touches so many lives.

We ARE forging a new future for City College.

Sincerely,

Dr. Arthur Q. Tyler
Chancellor