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