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August 16, 2012

Dr. Dena Maloney
President
Taft College
29 Emmons Park Drive
Taft, CA 93268

Dear President Maloney:

Taft College staff has brought to the attention of ACCJC that the College will be offering six new degrees. The information provided by the College indicates these degrees to not contain new courses or substantial changes, but instead reformats existing curriculum. This curriculum change is in response to the Student Transfer Reform Act, also known as California State Senate Bill 1440, which mandates that California Community Colleges (CCC) develop transfer degrees to facilitate the successful transfer of students from the CCC system to the California State University system.

The new transfer degrees are:

- Art History AA-T
- Early Childhood Education AA-T
- History AA-T
- Psychology AA-T
- Sociology AA-T
- Studio Arts AA-T

In addition, College staff reported several programs representing repackaged curriculum and new names:

- Administrative Services, formerly Secretarial Studies
- Energy Technology, formerly Petroleum Technology
- Information Management and Technology, formerly Information Management
- Welding Courses, now a Welding Program

Three program areas replaced by the updated curriculum repackaging are 1) Computer Science, 2) Industrial Technology, and 3) Office Technology.

Based on the information provided by College staff, the aforementioned changes do not require a substantive change review by the Commission.

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Thank you for bringing this to the ACCJC's attention and please let us know if there are any changes in the information provided. It remains the College's responsibility to inform the Commission of any program change. Professional self-regulation is the most effective means of assuring quality, integrity and institutional effectiveness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan B. Clifford". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Susan B. Clifford, Ed.D.
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