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Dr. Richard Jones  
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Dear Interim President Jones:

The Committee on Substantive Change of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges met March 14-15, 2011 to review the Substantive Change Proposal from Columbia College to offer 19 Associate degrees and 7 certificate programs at 50% or more via a mode of distance education.

The Committee acted to defer the College's Proposal pending additional evidence about budget planning and sustainability after Title III grant is completed; and specific student support services available for online students. An Addendum with this additional information can be submitted to my attention electronically by May 15, 2011. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express continuing interest in the institution's educational programs and services. It remains the College's responsibility to inform the Commission of any program change. Professional self-regulation is the most effective means of assuring integrity, effectiveness and quality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Susan B. Clifford".

Susan B. Clifford, Ed.D.  
Vice President

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