



**NORTH ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**  
**Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program Implementation**  
**Support Grant**

May 6, 2016

Dr. Norv Wellsfry, Ed.D  
Associate Vice President  
Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges  
10 Commercial Boulevard, Suite 204  
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Re: ACCJC Baccalaureate Degree policy feedback meeting - 2<sup>nd</sup> request

Dear Dr. Wellsfry:

This is a follow up to the April 13, 2016 letter from Dr. Robert Simpson of Cypress College, along with the endorsement of ten other Baccalaureate Degree Pilot (BDP) college presidents regarding the Policy on Accreditation of Baccalaureate Degrees. In our letter, we respectfully requested a meeting with ACCJC on this draft policy to work collaboratively and collegially in the best interest of our shared mission to ensure quality instruction to students.

In the response to Dr. Simpson dated April 21, 2016, it was stated that the letter was forwarded to the Policy Committee of the Commission as a comment on the policy and that the Policy Committee would be meeting on April 27, 2016 to discuss, finalize, and approve this policy. On the same day, ACCJC sent an email to the 15 BDP colleges informing them of the April 27, 2016 informational webinar on the Baccalaureate Degree Draft Policy. Our collective understanding was that the webinar would allow for the opportunity to discuss the changes in standards and policy that will impact the colleges as they implement baccalaureate degrees. Following the webinar, it was stated that the Policy Committee was not finished with its deliberations and that there may not be a decision until mid-May.

The majority of the BDP colleges that participated in the webinar continue to believe that the issues raised in the April 13 letter remain unresolved and the questions/queries they raised in the webinar were unanswered. It is important to our system of community colleges represented by the ACCJC that we work collaboratively together in the best interest of our colleges and students. The faculty and administrators of the California Community Colleges are ready to work with you on this important topic. As a decision is reached it will be important to us, as representative constituents of the system, to be able to explain and document the basis for any new policy or procedure affecting us. Therefore, as the fiscal agent for the

Baccalaureate Degree Implementation Support Grant and on behalf of the CEOs of the 15 BDP colleges, I am once again requesting a meeting with the representatives of the affected colleges before the June 10, 2016 Public Session. We are happy to send representatives to the next policy committee meeting of the ACCJC or host a separate meeting with you prior to June 10.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible to schedule this meeting.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joyce Carrigan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

*Joyce Carrigan, Ed.D.*

Dean, Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program  
North Orange County Community College District