

Hello Mesa Community,

Mesa College received our official ACCJC Commission Action Letter and Peer Review Team Report reaffirming our accreditation for 18 months, with a Follow-up Report and visit no later than October 1, 2025.

This reaffirmation highlights our collective success in sharing our Mesa Story, committing to continuous improvement, and upholding our reputation for quality education and is demonstrated by the Peer Review Team's commendation recognizing our *"commitment to mission and building a culture of being the "Leading College of Equity and Excellence" through its innovative, cross-collaborative, and equity-focused practices and professional learning provided by The LOFT and Guided Pathways efforts."*

As anticipated by our site visit inquiries, the commission has determined that to meet accreditation Standard II.A: Instructional Programs, we will need to demonstrate compliance with the following requirements and improvement recommendations.

Standard II.A.3 (College Requirement 1): In order to meet the Standard, the Commission requires that the College ensures that the student learning outcomes listed on course syllabi match those in the approved course outline of record.

Standard II.A.16 (College Requirement 2): In order to meet the Standard, the Commission requires that the college systematically and regularly improve programs and courses according to their established assessment processes.

Recommendation 3: In order to increase effectiveness, the team recommends that the College work with the District Educational Services and People, Culture, and Technology to create a common process for maintaining student complaints, and the resources needed to ensure that all student complaint files are accessible to demonstrate that the College is following the complaint policies and procedures. [\[Policy on Complaints Against Member Institutions\]](#)

While a full 7-year cycle approval would have been ideal, this reaffirmation and commendation serve as a testament to our community's incredible collaboration and dedication and allow us to engage in meaningful work to create the conditions that matter for success. I am incredibly proud of our college and am confident that we can make the changes necessary to soon achieve our full 7-year approval.

Now is the time to rally together, celebrate our achievements, and double down on our efforts with renewed enthusiasm and commitment. The opportunity to respond to these recommendations will allow us to embrace the discomfort that sometimes comes with growth, lean into difficult conversations, and push beyond our comfort zones. It is through this courageous approach that we will meet and exceed the standards set before us, ensuring a brighter future for our students and our college.

College leadership has started addressing the recommendations. We will explore them further as a community at our Fall 2024 Convocation and collaborate with relevant programs and leaders to finalize and communicate our action plan and outcomes for the Mid-Term Report.

Visit our [Accreditation website](#) to read the Commission Letter, the Visiting Teams report, our 2023 ISER, and quotes highlighting areas of excellence from our Peer Review Team Report. If you have any questions, please contact [Hai Hoang](#), the Accreditation Liaison Officer, or [me](#).

Thank you for your unwavering dedication and contributions. Let's harness our collective strength to meet and exceed the standards, ensuring equity and excellence for all students, campus and community.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashanti Hands". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ashanti Hands
President
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