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Dear President Addy:

I write to inform you that at its meeting on November 16, 2006, the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education considered the fifth-year interim report submitted by Tunxis Community College and voted to take the following action:

that the fifth-year interim report submitted by Tunxis Community College be accepted;

that the comprehensive evaluation scheduled for Fall 2011 be confirmed.

The Commission gives the following reasons for its action.

The fifth-year interim report submitted by Tunxis Community College documents substantial progress on the two areas identified for attention as part of the last comprehensive evaluation. As well, the report provides evidence of continued growth and development in the College's physical facilities, faculty deployment, and academic programs. We commend the College for the extensive and broad-based planning efforts that have been undertaken since its last comprehensive evaluation. With the help of a Title III grant, the College has been able to develop a process for institutionalizing planning and linking it to assessment, and a new "Institutional Effectiveness Committee" has been engaged and has integrated the work of the faculty and professional staff. The draft of its 2005-08 Strategic Plan included with the report is clear and thorough, and lays out next steps for implementation of each major direction on an annual basis. In the last two years with support of the Title III grant, over 40 faculty members have participated in a seminar at Alverno College, and faculty now use the Alverno model to develop explicit learning outcomes for general education and its major disciplines, and to identify a range of measures

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including portfolio assessments. We also note favorably that the campus has engaged in developing major new facilities, and the construction work, while exciting and demanding, does not seem to have distracted the campus from its core commitment to student learning as demonstrated throughout the fifth-year report.

The scheduling of a comprehensive evaluation in Fall 2011 is consistent with Commission policy requiring each accredited institution to undergo a comprehensive evaluation every ten years.

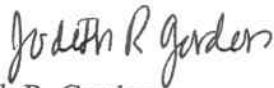
You will note the Commission has specified no length or term of accreditation. Accreditation is a continuing relationship that is reconsidered when necessary. Thus, while the Commission has indicated the timing of the next comprehensive evaluation, the schedule should not be unduly emphasized, because it is subject to change.

You are encouraged to share this letter and the report with all of the College's constituencies. It is Commission policy to inform the chairperson of the institution's governing board of action on its accreditation status. In a few days, we will be sending a copy of this letter to Ms. Louise S. Berry. The institution is free to release information about the report and the Commission's action to others, in accordance with Commission policy.

The Commission hopes that the evaluation process has contributed to institutional improvement. It appreciates your cooperation in the effort to provide public assurance of the quality of higher education in New England.

If you have any questions about the Commission's action, please contact Barbara Brittingham, Director of the Commission.

Sincerely,



Judith R. Gordon

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Louise S. Berry