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Dear Dr. Pato:

The staff liaison model is a core component of ACCJC's commitment to partnership with our member institutions. ACCJC Vice President liaisons work with institutions to provide support and assist the college in telling its story through the tools of accreditation.

We've recently welcomed two new vice presidents to our organization and, as such, some institution portfolio assignments have changed. Your new ACCJC liaison is **Vice President Melynie Schiel**. Their deep experience in accreditation, breadth of knowledge, and commitment to supporting equitable student success will serve your institution well. Vice President Melynie Schiel can be reached at (916) 579-0110 or mschiel@accjc.org.

Your liaison will serve as the established point of contact between your institution and ACCJC for a broad range of accreditation activities and support, including:

- understanding your institution's unique mission, culture, and student populations in order to support continuous quality improvement efforts;
- assisting institutional personnel in understanding the comprehensive peer review process, Accreditation Standards, and policies by providing workshops and resources as the institution prepares its Institutional Self-Evaluation Report and evidence;
- answering questions about the interpretation or application of the ACCJC Standards or policies in the context of your institution's mission throughout the institution's accreditation cycle;
- sharing lessons learned and best practices from other institutions in ACCJC membership on emerging issues and complex challenges to ensure a uniform response to evolving practices and questions from members;
- accompanying the peer review team during the review process in order to ensure clarity and consistency;
- ensuring that the information provided to the Commission in support of their deliberations about your institution is complete and, as needed, enriched with nuance and context from the liaison's knowledge of your institution;
- providing information and resources in support of the institution's Annual Reports, Annual Fiscal Reports and Substantive Change Application submissions;

- providing institution-specific workshops and resources as needed by the institution's governing board, faculty, staff, and administrators.

Your staff liaison will reach out to you to provide continued and uninterrupted support, but if you have any questions or need any support, please feel free to be in touch.

Sincerely,



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