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Dr. Richard Giese  
Interim President  
Taft College  
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Dear President Giese:

The Committee on Substantive Change of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges met November 14-15, 2011 to review the Substantive Change Proposal from Taft College to offer 18 associate degrees and 11 certificate programs (attached) at 50% or more via a mode of distance education or electronic delivery.

I am pleased to inform you that the Committee approved the Taft College Substantive Change Proposal for Distance Education.

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,

Susan B. Clifford, Ed.D.  
Vice President

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Attachment

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