



Feather River College

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Feather River College Placed on Warning status by Accreditation Commission

Feather River College has been placed on warning status by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), the accrediting commission for community colleges in California. Warning is the weakest sanction the commission can impose and in no way endangers college credits that students earn at FRC. The units that students earn at FRC will continue to be transferable to other institutions and the college will continue to operate as normal in every way. Students and community members need not be concerned with the value of the services and instruction offered at FRC; these will continue to be of high quality and high value.

Feather River College is taking immediate steps to address the issues that have triggered the warning, concerns that have lingered since the college's accreditation reviews in 2000 and 2006. The principal issues that need to be addressed in order to lift the warning relate to the college's planning process and program review process. The commission also cited the school's need to improve the use of institutional research for data-based decision making as well as the need for up-to-date curriculum outlines and student learning outcomes.

According to Dr. Ron Taylor, "The college is moving aggressively and quickly to address these issues. Improvements are already being implemented with a concrete action plan and the college is actively engaged in making improvements to all these areas, both on an

ongoing basis and as a result of the ACCJC warning. We fully expect the sanction to be lifted later in the 2009-10 year, after changes have been implemented and additional reporting to the commission has been submitted.”

To learn more about the ACCJC and the reviews it conducts, as well as the sanctions it imposes, please visit www.accjc.org. To see a copy of the warning letter from ACCJC please visit <http://www.frc.edu/accreditation/links.htm> . For additional information about the steps FRC is taking to address these issues, please contact Superintendent/President Ron Taylor at 530-283-0202 ext. 232 or Director of Outreach Bruce Baldwin at 530-283-0202 ext. 347.

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