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Dear Pacifica Community Members,

I have some good news to share with all of you. The Senior Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) has again reaffirmed Pacifica Graduate Institute's accreditation. The findings of the Senior Commission are an affirmation of over five years of extraordinary hard work that so many of Pacifica's faculty, staff, students, alumni, and Board of Trustees have put into this effort. I want to acknowledge and thank all of you who have participated as individuals or groups in some elements of this process from the original "Institutional Proposal" in 2005, through the "Capacity and Preparatory Review and Site Visit" in 2008, the "Educational Effectiveness Review and Site Visit" earlier this year, and all of the reports and student, faculty, staff, and alumni surveys that this process entailed.

The Senior Commission's letter to us said that Pacifica "is to be commended for the seriousness with which changes were undertaken while remaining true to the principles of depth psychology." We are asked to carry on and continue to build on what we have accomplished—to continue to animate the vision at the heart and soul of our learning community. The Senior Commission demonstrated further support and confidence in Pacifica by scheduling our next review process a gratifying distance in the future, to culminate with the Educational Effectiveness Review in 2019.

I invite all of you to join us in celebration of this accomplishment and renewed commitment to build upon this strong foundation—taking Pacifica forward with emerging initiatives for the future. In the next few years, there will be many opportunities for you to be involved in strengthening Pacifica's academic excellence, expanding alumni activities, diversifying multi-cultural offerings, refining a mission-centered institutional assessment process, long range planning, and myriad other projects.

Again, I want to express our thanks to all of you for your hard work and deep commitment to Pacifica.

Sincerely,

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President