

## Commission on Teacher Credentialing

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*Office of the Executive Director*

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Jonathan Veitch, President  
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Dear President Veitch:

On June 23, 2011, the Committee on Accreditation (COA) assigned the status of *Accreditation with Probationary Stipulations* to Occidental College and all its credential programs. On that same day, Occidental College withdrew all of its educator preparation programs and over the past year has been in the process of ensuring that all current candidates are able to successfully complete their credential program.

Over the past year, the Committee on Accreditation has received and discussed four reports regarding the progress of the institution in meeting the needs of the current candidates. On August 16, 2012, the COA will hear the final report on the progress Occidental's prospective educators in completing all the requirements for a California credential. The report indicates that all 11 candidates enrolled in 2011-12 year have completed their program and either have or will soon be recommended for a California credential. In addition, the report indicates that appropriate follow up has taken place with respect to all candidates enrolled previously in the program and that all have been afforded the opportunity to complete the requirements for the credential.

Since the stipulations were assigned by COA in 2011, the faculty and administration at Occidental College have been cooperative and diligent in ensuring that all current candidates were afforded opportunities to complete all program and credential requirements. A Commission staff member was assigned to provide technical assistance during this period and to ensure that the needs of all current candidates were being addressed. Faculty cooperated fully with Commission staff and the Commission is grateful to Occidental College personnel for their efforts.

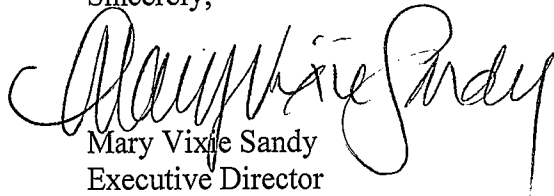
Pursuant to Chapter 3 of the *Accreditation Handbook*, any institution withdrawing its programs must wait at least two years from the date in which candidates were no longer admitted to the program to be reaccredited. Should Occidental College wish to once again offer Commission approved educator preparation programs leading to a California credential, it will be eligible for initial institutional approval beginning June 24, 2013.

Occidental College has a long and successful history of educator preparation in California. Should Occidental wish to pursue initial institutional approval once again, the Commission staff would be most willing to provide technical assistance, if requested.

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Thank you again for your cooperation and efforts over this past year. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Administrator of Accreditation Cheryl Hickey at [chickey@ctc.ca.gov](mailto:chickey@ctc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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