November 28, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dr. Lee Lambert, Chancellor
Pima County Community College District
4905C E. Broadway Blvd.
Tucson, AZ 85709-1005

Dear Chancellor Lambert:

This letter is to inform you that the Higher Learning Commission (HLC or “the Commission”) has reviewed the response provided by Pima County Community College District (“the institution”) to the complaints received by HLC on October 7, 2022, and October 9, 2022. Thank you for submitting this information.

As you recall, HLC initially reviewed the complaints to determine whether they suggested potential substantive noncompliance with the institution’s ability to meet the Criteria for Accreditation or other HLC requirements. Based on that initial review, HLC determined that the information contained in the complaints raised potential concerns regarding the institution’s compliance with the HLC requirement noted in the letter dated October 17, 2022.

The institution was afforded an opportunity to respond to provide evidence that it continued to meet the requirement noted in that letter in light of the complaints.

Upon review of the institution’s response, it was determined that the institution provided sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the matters raised in the complaints do not indicate substantive noncompliance with the HLC requirements noted previously. Therefore, no additional review will be conducted by HLC regarding these matters at this time.

Future peer review teams will not be provided a copy of this information as part of the evaluative process. The Commission will retain a copy of the materials related to its review of the complaint, including this letter and prior correspondence, for five years. At the end of this five-year period, the materials will be destroyed in accordance with HLC’s retention schedule.
Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact your HLC Staff Liaison, Dr. Linnea Stenson.

Sincerely,

Robert Rucker  
Manager of Compliance and Complex Evaluations

Cc:  Wendy Weeks, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Curriculum and Quality Improvement, Pima County Community College District  
Linnea A. Stenson, Vice President of Accreditation Relations, Higher Learning Commission